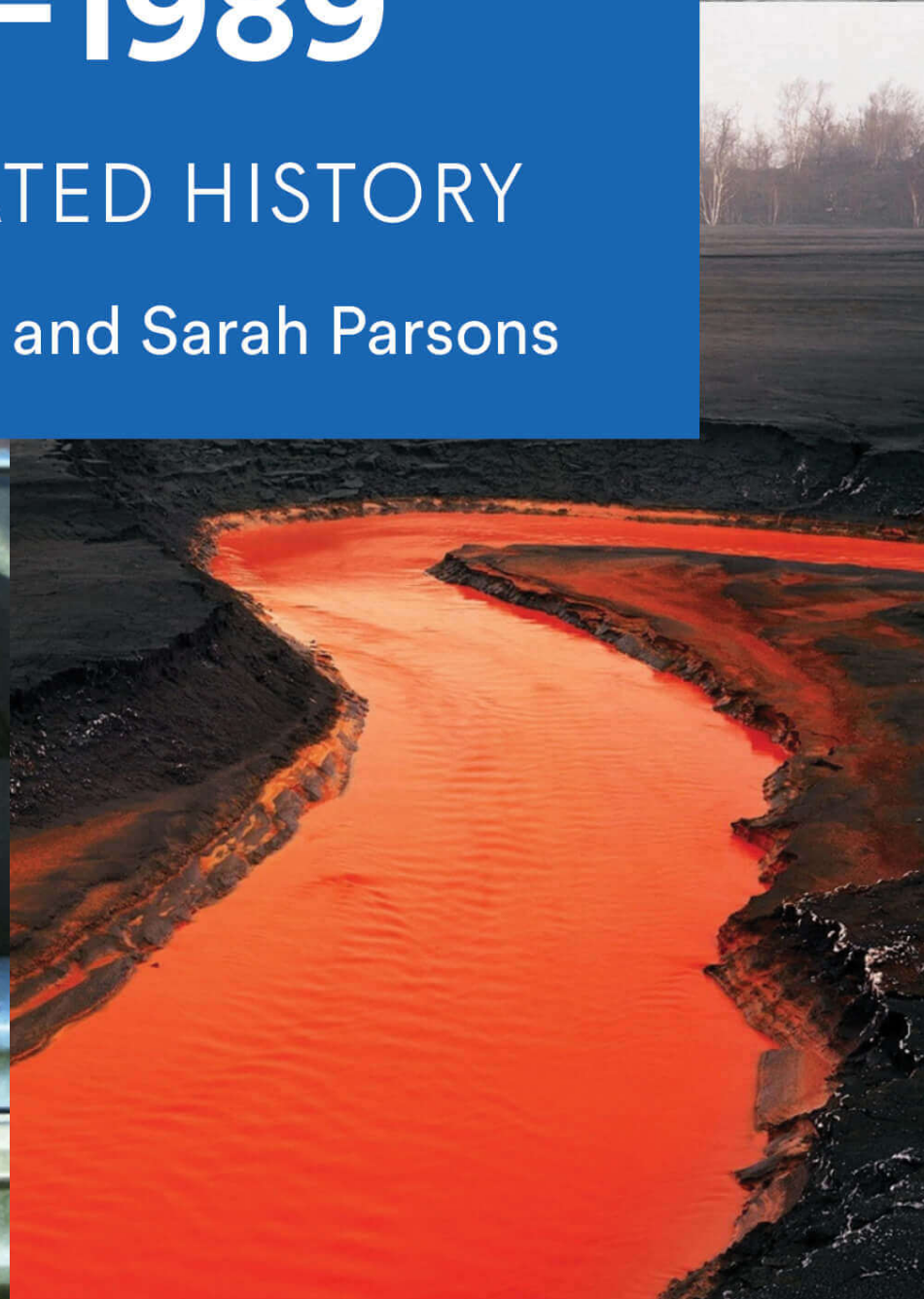
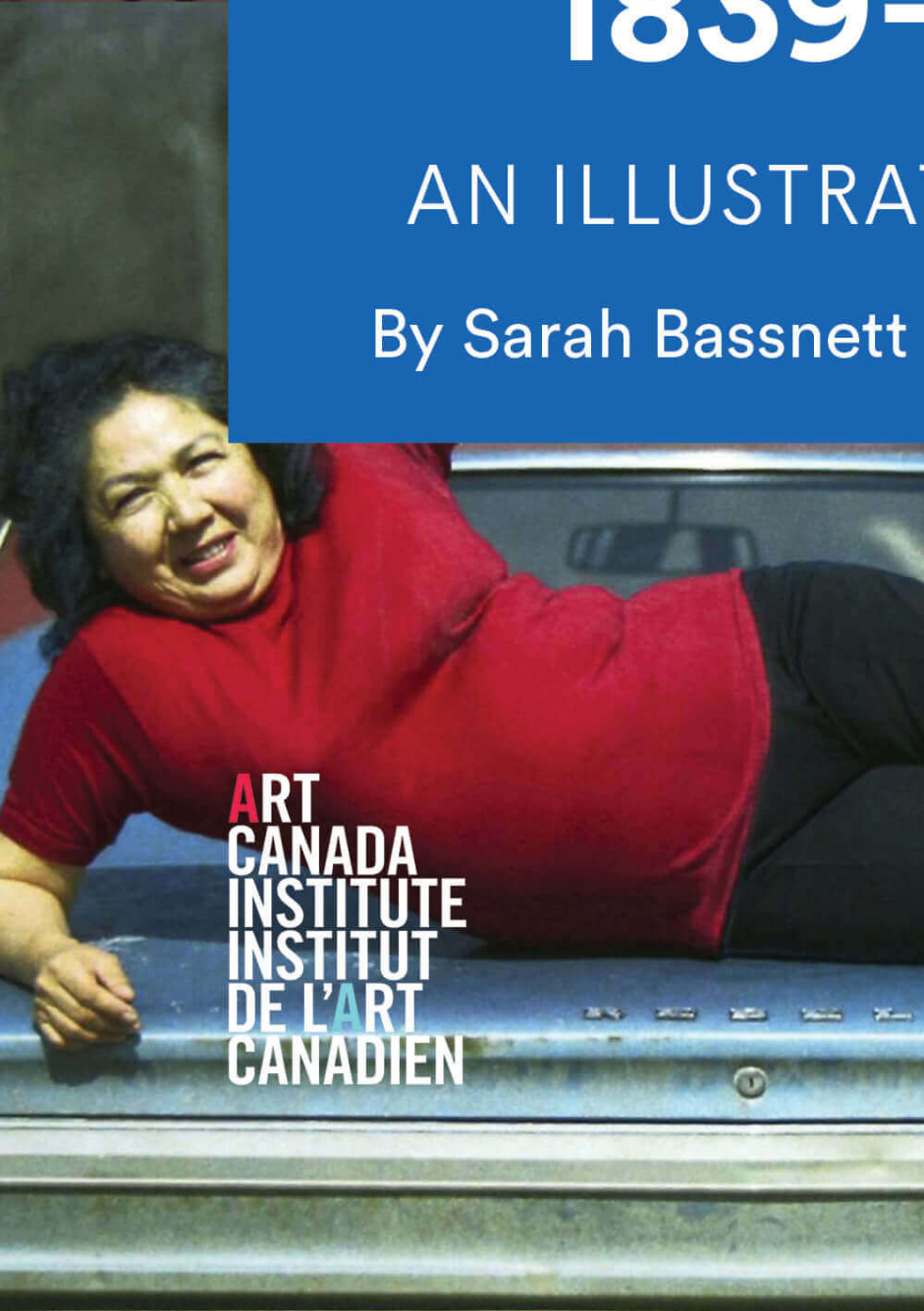


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Preface

Photography has become so thoroughly integrated into our everyday experience that it may be hard to imagine life without it. Yet, the myriad forms of photography and their varied uses developed gradually over time and in particular contexts. In this book, we trace many of these developments and the historical and cultural conditions that made them possible. We were often guided by how we teach, or would ideally like to teach, the history of photography in Canada; whenever possible, we have highlighted the under-recognized contributions of practitioners from marginalized groups, to expand the range of narratives and entry points within that history.

The origins of this book can be traced to December 2015, when Ann Thomas (Senior Curator, Photography Collection, National Gallery of Canada), in collaboration with Paul Roth (Director, The Image Centre) and Martha Langford (Research Chair and Director, Gail and Stephen A. Jarislowsky Institute for Studies in Canadian Art), convened a workshop at the National Gallery of Canada (NGC), Ottawa, to explore collaborative approaches to writing the history of Canadian photography. The workshop showcased current research in this field, as well as a variety of approaches to documenting Canadian photographic history from a cross-section of scholars, museum professionals, archivists at public and private collections, community-based historians, commercial dealers, and publishers.

This wide range of expertise is richly reflected in the published literature on photography in Canada. However, although national histories of photography have been published for countries including Australia, India, and the United States, the important studies on photography in Canada have largely focused on particular themes, photographers, and collections,¹ while many scholars in this country have written about specific critical issues in photography.²

There are therefore relatively few publications that situate the broad scope of photography in Canada as an accessible history. In 1965, collector, photographer, and amateur historian Ralph Greenhill published a survey of early Canadian photography based on his private collection, and in 1979, he published a more rigorous updated version with archivist Andrew Birrell.³ In 1984, Lilly Koltun edited a landmark volume about the first century of amateur photography in Canada, which drew heavily on the collections of Library and Archives Canada.⁴ Joan M. Schwartz edited a special issue of the journal *History of Photography* in 1996 that focused on Canadian photography, and in 2004 she wrote the first comprehensive encyclopedia entry on the subject.⁵ Curator Andrea Kunard wrote a brief but important overview of photography in nineteenth-century Canada that was published in 2008.⁶ Martha Langford, who previously served as founding director and chief curator of the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, contributed a survey of twentieth-century photography for a 2010 edited volume on the visual arts in twentieth-century Canada.⁷ The following year, Kunard and professor Carol Payne published an edited volume of case studies brought together as *The Cultural Work of Photography in Canada*.⁸ Their introduction and essay about



Annie McDougall, *William, Jimmie, Ivan and Bruce Millar at St. Francis River, Drummondville, QC, 1888*, silver salts on glass, gelatin dry plate process, 10 x 12 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

writing on photography in Canada offers one of the most comprehensive assessments of this history.

Although there are limitations to using a national framework for such histories—in part because of the tendency to focus on photography in the service of nation building—there are also many benefits. A national focus explains the social, cultural, and political context for photographic practice in Canada and introduces readers to some of the key figures, critical issues, and areas for future research. While recognizing national concerns, we also acknowledge that photography in Canada is a transnational history, wherein many photographers worked in the country for defined periods but were connected to global networks; those networks are part of the story.



LEFT: Tom Gibson, *Man and Bus*, 1974, gelatin silver print, 40.5 x 50.8 cm; image: 19.4 x 29.1 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Lutz Dille, *Jewish Market, Toronto*, 1954, gelatin silver print, 18.4 x 24.1 cm.

In response to the call for an accessible, national history, this book surveys the first 150 years of photography in Canada from its inception through to its central position in the field of contemporary art. As university professors with forty years combined experience teaching and researching the history of photography and the art and visual culture of Canada, we saw the profound need for a detailed overview that would connect with students and general readers. In the international and interdisciplinary field of photographic studies, there is also a clear need for a publication that provides a framework to understand the array of specific projects in Canadian photography.

Due to their cost, beautifully produced art books tend to exclude many potential readers. But the Art Canada Institute offers an ideal means of distributing an accessible survey of photography in Canada. ACI's strong framework focuses on user experience, as well as on providing books that serve as reliable scholarly sources. This book draws on our own research along with the existing literature on photography in Canada, spanning scholarly texts, exhibitions, and popular media.

However, no book, no matter how long or authoritative, is definitive or comprehensive. Given the exceptionally broad scope of this book, we made difficult choices about which photographs and photographers to include and which stories to tell. We have endeavoured to cover a wide geographical range of photographers and a variety of genres and techniques, from photographs

made as art to those that were initially considered documents. In each section, we have chosen to highlight certain organizations, figures, and exhibitions, rather than provide comprehensive lists. This approach is designed to appeal to the non-specialist, and it has enabled us to engage with contemporary critical issues in our reading of the past.



LEFT: Ted Grant, *Civil Rights March, Ottawa, 1965*, printed 1995, gelatin silver print, 50.8 x 40.4 cm; image: 49.7 x 32.3 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: John Paskievich, *Untitled*, from the series *North End*, Winnipeg, 1976, silver print on paper, silver halide, 30.2 x 20.1 cm, Winnipeg Art Gallery.

One tough decision was to limit our scope to the first 150 years of photography, ending at 1989. By that point, photography was woven into virtually all aspects of life in Canada, encompassing a range of image-making practices from the commercial and the artistic to the vernacular. The next historical chapter, from 1990 to the present, would require another volume. New technology, including the shift from analogue to digital and the advent of the internet and social media, has transformed the way people communicate. At the same time, many contemporary artists working across media have turned to photography as a way of engaging with their cultural environment, and the concepts required to analyze these developments are increasingly interdisciplinary. While the contemporary era of photography is truly fascinating, we decided it was beyond the scope of this book.

The historical overview section of this book provides a broadly chronological account of how photography has figured in the growth and development of the nation of Canada, with an emphasis on its social, cultural, and political

significance. Our history examines a range of themes, including photography's role in settler colonialism and Indigenous cultural revivals, the rise of mass media and popular photography, state propaganda and cultural diplomacy, and the changing status of artistic photography.

Our selection of key photographers was guided by the available research, as well as an interest in regional distribution. The scholarship to date is dominated by studies of photographers who had privileged access to mainstream institutions. As a result, we chose to highlight the contributions of photographers from historically marginalized groups, including women, Black, Indigenous, and Asian photographers. Much of the work produced by these individuals has not been researched, written about, exhibited, and woven into the narrative of history as thoroughly as that of their white male counterparts. Our hope is that this book will stimulate new studies in these under-researched areas. Where contemporary photographers are concerned, we focused on those with significant exhibition records prior to 1989.

There is more to the study of photography than images and image-makers, and the section about institutions involves the development and dissemination of photography in Canada. The most obvious institutions are museums and archives, but this section considers institutions in a broader sense: formal and informal associations that govern, or attempt to govern, standards and norms around photography. Although many nineteenth-century photographers learned through apprenticeships, that learning was guided by journals and, later, camera clubs, then art schools and universities. In the nineteenth century, commercial studios and journals, along with local, national, and world fairs, identified and celebrated great photographs. Most of these networks favoured photographers with social capital—mainly white, urban men. In turn, these practitioners and the photographs chosen as exemplary through these limited networks shaped both professional standards and public conceptions of photography. We recognize the construction of these dominant narratives, and in this section, we highlight Canadian participation in transnational networks and alternative visual repositories, both of which allow us to tell histories that destabilize the canon.



Shelley Niro, *The Rebel*, 1987, hand-tinted photograph, 35 x 41.5 cm, courtesy of the artist.



LEFT: Clara Gutsche, *Janet Symmers*, 1972, gelatin silver bromide print, selenium toned, 35.5 x 30 cm, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. © Clara Gutsche / CARCC Ottawa 2023. RIGHT: Gerald Hannon, *Kiss-in at the corner of Yonge and Bloor, Toronto*, 1976, gelatin silver print, The ArQuives, Toronto.

The section on genres and critical issues explores the practices through which images are made, the ways that photographs function, and the spaces in which they circulate. Because the meaning of a photograph is not fixed, but is instead defined by its context and use, images may relate to more than one genre and critical issue. For instance, portraits are defined by their focus on human subjects, but they may also be considered art, photojournalism, or ethnographic study, depending on the style and expression of the representation; they may prompt discussions of power and resistance or relate to issues of gender and sexuality. Genres and critical issues are informed by the discourses that shape the production and use of photography, and these change over time.



LEFT: Greg Staats, *Skarù:rë? [Tuscarora] / Kanien'kehá:ka [Mohawk] Hodinöhsö:ni'*, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario, *Mary [Anderson Monture]*, 1982, toned silver print, 37 x 37 cm, Indigenous Art Centre, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Gatineau. RIGHT: Tess Boudreau, *Rita Letendre*, early 1960s, gelatin silver print, 23.7 x 34.8 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

The section covering techniques and technologies traces the introduction of new devices and photographic processes, along with corresponding changes to the way photography worked in the world. Here, we highlight developments that had a significant impact on the way photography was practised in Canada—such as the dry plate process, which made photography more widely accessible by being more affordable, practical, and easier to use than the methods that preceded it.

The compendium of photographers and the sources and resources offer a fuller picture of the many fascinating figures in Canadian photography. We endeavoured to provide examples of different approaches, genres, and styles from across the 150 years of this study and from across the country. These sections are meant to serve as a point of reference for future research and provide an impression of this deep and varied field.



Ron Benner, *Américan Cloisonné* (detail), 1987–88, mixed media photographic / garden installation, variable dimensions, Civic Plant Conservatory, Saskatoon.

We are pleased to offer this overview of the first 150 years of photography in Canada as a resource for interested readers across the country and around the world. While writing it, we uncovered many areas that would benefit from further study, and we hope it will help others generate ideas for exhibitions and scholarly explorations for years to come.

In closing, we acknowledge that we work as settler scholars living on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, Chonnonton, Huron-Wendat, and Mississaugas of the Credit. We also recognize Canada as a settler-colonial state and that any history of photography in Canada implicitly legitimizes the nation and privileges Western systems of knowledge. Throughout the book we acknowledge the role of photography in the historical and ongoing systemic oppression of Indigenous people through settler colonialism, and at the same time we aim to highlight the significant work of Indigenous photographers, photographic subjects, curators, and scholars who interrupt and challenge those systems.

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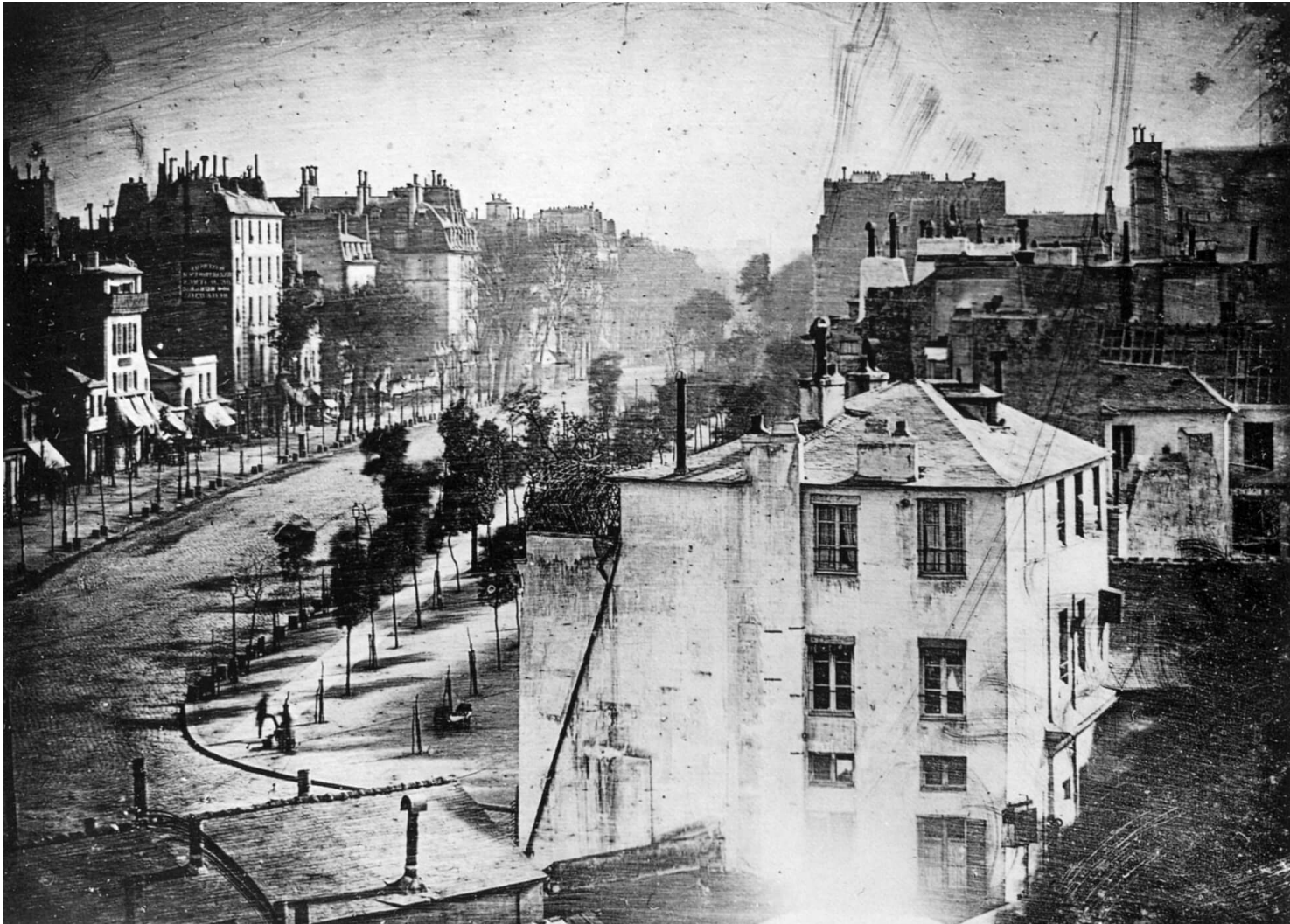


Historical Overview

When photography was introduced to Canada in 1839, it was first considered a novelty, but it quickly became a business and an art form. Before long, governments used photographs as documentation and evidence, while families assembled albums and told their histories with images. Photographers worked on city streets, in portrait studios, at tourist destinations, on expeditions, and at construction sites, and their photographs circulated in many forms and venues, including in albums, books, reports, newspapers, magazines, public lectures, and exhibitions. From 1839 to 1989, photography shaped societal norms, transforming how people engaged with others and how they understood the world.

1839–1850s: Photography Captures Public Interest

In the late 1830s, British North America was on the cusp of the industrial age. Montreal, in Lower Canada, was the largest city, while the newly incorporated city of Toronto was the economic and political heart of Upper Canada. Yet the colonies were a study in class contrasts. Oxen pulled carts down muddy streets that connected the ramshackle cottages of immigrants and labourers with the mansions of wealthy merchants. And people in the growing urban centres still looked to Britain, France, and the United States for the latest trends.



Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre, *Boulevard du Temple, Paris*, c.1838, daguerreotype.

In 1839, news of a remarkable invention reached Torontonians via a letter in *The Patriot* newspaper. Readers were intrigued by Samuel Morse's description of the elegant images created using the recently announced photographic process patented by Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre (1787–1851). Soon after, travellers began to practise the daguerreotype process in North America, producing crisp images on sheets of silver-plated copper. In the early years, there was much discussion in Europe and other regions about how the new invention would be used and whether it belonged in the realm of art or science. But in Canada and the United States, the commercial applications of the process were paramount. When itinerant daguerreotypists set up temporary studios in cities such as Montreal, Toronto, and Halifax in the early 1840s, advertising their services for “inimitable, and much admired likenesses,” patrons rushed to sit for portraits made not by a painter's brush but by a photographer's camera.¹ The public was captivated by the beauty and exactness of daguerreotypes, and the upper and middle classes commissioned portraits as precious keepsakes.

Portraiture was by far the most popular application for photography at this time, and the first daguerreotypist to set up a more permanent studio in British North America was likely William Valentine (1798–1849), a former portrait painter, who offered photographic portraits in Halifax beginning in 1842.² A few early practitioners became successful and received recognition for their work. These include Valentine's former pupil and partner, Thomas Coffin Doane (1814–1896), who ran a gallery in Montreal from 1846 until 1865 where he made portraits of politicians and officials, and Eli J. Palmer (c.1821–c.1886), who was active in Toronto from 1849 until 1870.³ In the 1840s, photographers mainly worked in the growing urban centres of the newly formed Province of Canada, because the population was concentrated and the chemistry and equipment for making daguerreotypes was readily available from manufacturing centres in the northeastern United States.



LEFT: Thomas Coffin Doane, *Louis-Joseph Papineau* (1786–1871), politician, c.1852, daguerreotype, 14 x 11 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Eli J. Palmer, *R.A.A. Jones*, de l'*album de collection dit de Richard Alleyn*, after 1865, albumen silver print, 9.3 x 5.5 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.

The early Canadian photography scene also included a woman known only as Mrs. Fletcher (active 1841), who was possibly the first woman in North America to become a professional photographer. Upon her arrival in Quebec City in 1841, Mrs. Fletcher advertised her services as a daguerreotypist and as a "Professor and Teacher of the Photogenic Art." In addition to making daguerreotypes, she offered to instruct "ladies" in "a most respectable, tasteful, and pleasant employment, requiring but a few hours' attention a day and producing an income from 15 to 30 dollars per week, either by settling in a city or travelling through any part of the civilized world."⁴ Mrs. Fletcher's

enthusiastic attitude toward her specialty confirms what scholars have long argued: that women were involved in photography from the very beginning.⁵

The market for portraiture was stimulated by a growing interest among the urban middle class in conveying social status through appearance, but enthusiasm for photography was not specific to any one class or cultural group. Contrary to the stereotype, many Indigenous people were as interested in photography as they were in other European technologies such as guns and in the metal objects that Indigenous

people encountered through trade with settlers.⁶ One of the earliest portraits of an Indigenous person in a public collection in Canada depicts Maungwudaus (c.1807–after 1851), also known as George Henry, who was a Chief of the Mississauga First Nation and a government interpreter. This daguerreotype was made while Maungwudaus was touring Europe as a performer in the mid-1840s.⁷ Although public interest in portraiture continued, the next decade increased the range of subject matter and uses for photography.

MRS. FLETCHER,
PROFESSOR AND TEACHER OF THE
PHOTOGENIC ART.

RESPECTFULLY announces that she is prepared to execute Daguerreotype Miniatures in a style unsurpassed by any American or European artist. Those who have never enjoyed an opportunity of examining the Photogenic process, or a specimen of the art, cannot form an adequate idea of the extreme perfection, beauty, and wonderful minuteness of the

DAGUERROTYPE PICTURES.

These are truly “the pencillings of nature,” the production of *minutes or seconds*, and as perfect as the imagination can conceive. As the object looks at the moment it is taken, so is the representation.

The Plate, a blank void, becomes filled up with all the fairy lines and graceful symmetry of a picture, more perfect than the most exquisite designed engraving affording another beautiful example that the art of man cannot be compared to the works of nature and of nature's God.

Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call and examine specimens of the art, next door to the Union Bank, Place d'Armes, where Mrs. F. is constantly in attendance.

Sept. 16, 1841.

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LEFT: Advertisement for Mrs. Fletcher's services as a "Professor and Teacher of the Photogenic Art," featured in the *Montreal Transcript*, September 16, 1841.

RIGHT: *Livernois & Bienvenu* (Élise L'Heureux/Livernois, and Louis Fontaine/Bienvenu), *La Famille Livernois à la fosse (« Le Trou »)*, La Malbaie, after 1870, gelatin silver print, 19 x 15 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.



Maun-gua-daus (or *Maun-gwa-daus*), alias George Henry (born c.1807), original chief of the Ojibwa Nation of Credit (Upper Canada) and interpreter employed by Indian Affairs, c.1846, photographer unknown, daguerreotype, 11.8 x 8.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Undeterred by the technical challenges of the daguerreotype process (including long exposure times), early photographers portrayed scenic views. In many instances, they were drawn to places of natural beauty, such as Montmorency Falls, Quebec. These were the same sites that fascinated other artists, and photographers sought to produce the kinds of picturesque views they encountered in drawing and painting. Newcastle industrialist and amateur photographer Hugh Lee Pattinson (1796–1858) made the first known daguerreotype of Niagara Falls on a trip to Canada.⁸ And selections of work by the Swiss-born Canadian Pierre-Gustave Joly de Lotbinière (1798–1865), who travelled to Greece and Egypt to photograph ancient monuments, were reproduced as aquatints in a book on Egypt by architect Hector Horeau.⁹

As enthusiasm for new formats and uses of photography grew in its first two decades of existence, the stage was set for creating new businesses and different ways of imagining or presenting a nation.



Hugh Lee Pattinson, *The Horseshoe Falls, part of Niagara Falls*, 1840, daguerreotype, Robinson Library Special Collections, Newcastle University.

1850s–1880s: The Business of Photography

By the middle of the nineteenth century, gas lamps illuminated city streets and new brick homes featured modern amenities such as indoor plumbing. Photographers set up shop in fashionable districts of major cities alongside artisans, retailers, bankers, and lawyers. Daguerreotype portraits were already less expensive than painted ones, and the invention of the wet collodion process in 1851 meant that the inexhaustible desire for portraits that formed the core of the early photographic business became easier to satisfy. By 1865, Canada's main business directory listed more than 360 photographers.¹⁰

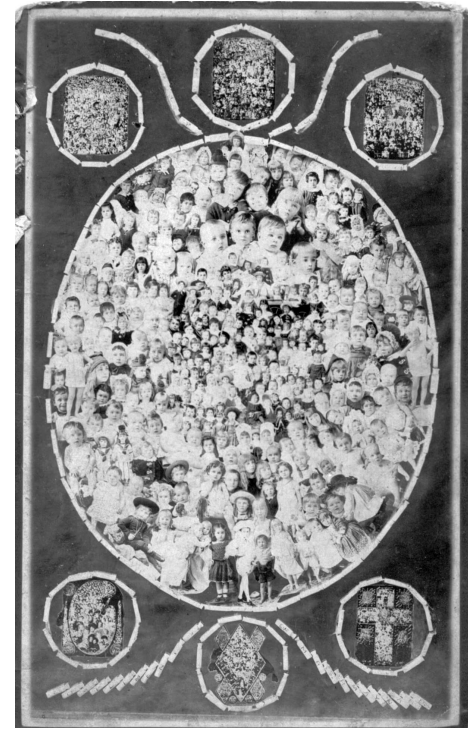


LEFT: Jules-Ernest Livernois, *L'abbé Dominique-Alfred Morisset*, 1894 or 1895, gelatin silver print, 8.9 x 5.9 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City. RIGHT: George William Ellisson, *Grey Nuns*, 1861, albumen silver print, 20.2 x 17.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

At this time, studios catered to a primarily middle- and upper-class clientele. Starting in 1854, the Livernois family operated several bustling studios in Quebec City, and for three generations they fuelled the craze for portraits through various means, including by selling photographs of Catholic religious figures to francophones. The studio of George William Ellisson (1827–c.1879), located in Quebec City's upper town where many of the city's artists were based, was popular within the anglophone community.¹¹ William Notman (1826–1891), a recent Scottish immigrant, opened a studio in Montreal in 1856 that he operated with his sons until his death four decades later. The first Canadian photographer to achieve international renown, Notman also established franchises and partnerships across eastern Canada and in the northeastern United States. In 1876, Notman's partner in Ottawa, William James Topley (1845–1930), bought out Notman and ran the business until the end of the nineteenth century. The backbone of these photography studios was producing reliably proficient portraits at a reasonable price.

Women were involved in all aspects of the photography business. At the Livernois Studio, Élise L'Hérault dit L'Heureux (1827–1896), the wife of Jules-Isaïe Benoît Livernois (1830–1865), ran the family studio after her husband's early death in 1865, and Notman's female employees worked with clients, as well as making and touching up prints.¹² In Ottawa, Alvira Lockwood (1842–1925) ran a successful studio from the early 1860s until 1884, and British immigrant Hannah Maynard (1834–1918) opened one of the first photography studios in Victoria in 1862. She served as its manager and primary photographer, with some participation from her husband, while also caring for her children. Maynard created inventive new formats to market photographs of children, such as her *Gems of British Columbia*, 1881–95, which brought her success and recognition in western Canada and in the United States.¹³

Many of these early photographic studios produced and marketed a wide variety of formats and regularly updated their offerings to appeal to clientele eager for novelties. The *carte-de-visite*, a small photographic portrait in the form of a visiting card, was one such novelty that became popular in the late 1850s and formed the basis of many social interactions. People bought portraits in significant numbers to exchange with family and friends. Most portraits were prosaic, but that did not limit how studio owners marketed themselves. They created street-level window displays and turned elegant reception areas into portrait galleries that enticed potential clientele with rotating sample images of glamorous and celebrity sitters. The gallery and waiting room of the Livernois Studio in Quebec City, for example, was an elaborately decorated setting where clients could peruse an array of photographs available for sale while waiting to sit for their own portraits.¹⁴



Hannah Maynard, *Gems of British Columbia for the year 1887, 1888*, composite, black and white glass plate negative, 21.5 x 16.5 cm, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria.



LEFT: Four-lens camera (used for *cartes-de-visite*), c.1880, wood, brass, glass, and leather, 30 x 19 x 39.8 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Jules-Ernest Livernois, *Interior of the Livernois Gallery*, c.1886, dry plate negative, 16.7 x 21.5 cm, National Library and Archives of Quebec, Montreal.

In Montreal, Notman generated several creative ways to attract sitters for regular portraits, including holding art exhibitions in his main studio. In addition to emphasizing the need for albums and the ritual of marking family events such as births and marriages with a photograph, Notman also pioneered group and composite portraits. He partnered with universities, professional groups, and recreational organizations to offer images that pictured the emerging social networks of the growing nation. Using newspaper ads, Notman invited

attendees at society balls into his studio to sit in their finery for individual portraits that would then be grafted into a large composite arrangement. These composites would be photographed for display and sale. Notman's studio also developed a storage system for portraits that allowed patrons to reorder copies of their own images or even to order images of other people. These "picture books" contained copies of every carte-de-visite taken at his studio, and the "index books" contained an alphabetical list of all his sitters and the numbers for the portrait negatives.¹⁵



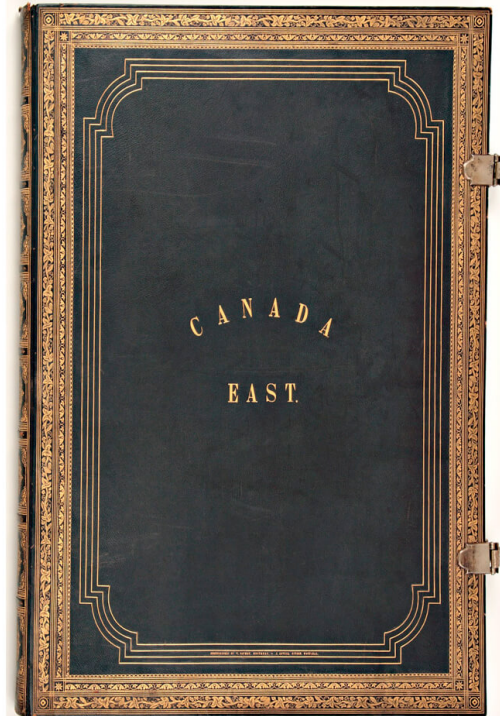
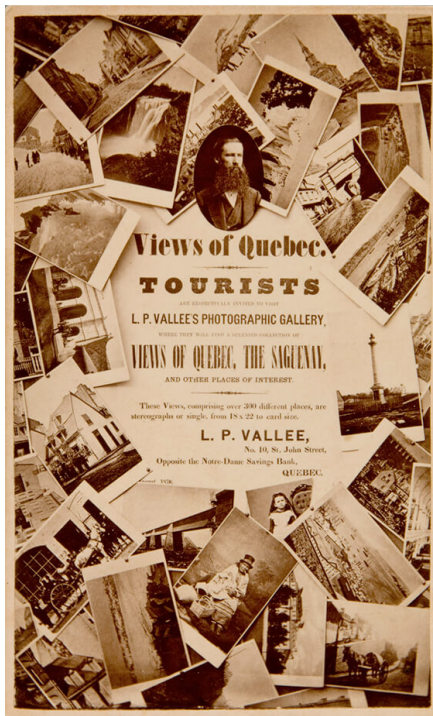
William Notman and Henry Sandham, *The Terra Nova Snowshoe Club*, Montreal, 1875, collage of albumen silver prints with graphite, watercolour, and gouache, 37 x 63.9 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Successful studios built up a range of photographic products, including prints and albums, to sell to local patrons, tourists, government officials, and British military personnel stationed in Canada. Landscape and architectural views were especially popular as souvenirs. Some were sold as individual images and others were assembled into portfolios and albums, and later as illustrated books. The first Canadian portfolio, made by Samuel McLaughlin (1826–1914) and issued monthly, was called *The Photographic Portfolio* (1858–60) and included views in and around Quebec. Louis-Prudent Vallée (1837–1905), who was also working in Quebec City, became well known for the impressive array of picturesque views that he marketed and sold to tourists visiting the region.

Most commercial studios offered a selection of their own images of local scenery for sale but would often collaborate with other studios in other parts of the country to ensure broader coverage of Canadian scenes. Stereographs were popular among tourists and locals who frequented commercial studios because they transported viewers to remarkable and distant locales. Scenic photographs were also featured in presentation albums, and in 1860 William Notman created an unusually elaborate offering. He gave to the Prince of Wales and Queen

Victoria a maple box containing a leather-bound album of over five hundred printed photographs and stereographs of Canadian cities and landscapes, including Hamilton and Niagara Falls.¹⁶ Not one to miss a promotional opportunity, Notman listed stereograph copies of all the photographic images in Queen Victoria's album for sale in his catalogue that same year.¹⁷

During the second half of the nineteenth century, photographic equipment companies worked to streamline and simplify the practice of photography, making it more accessible for both professionals and amateurs. Camera operators learned their craft from articles and Q & As with experts published in photography journals, some of which were produced by companies that sold photographic equipment in international journals that circulated in Canada. When George Eastman founded Kodak in 1888, he revolutionized photography with the invention of an easy-to-use camera that was preloaded with roll film that could be sent to Rochester, New York, for developing. Eastman advertised directly to consumers through popular magazines with the slogan "You Press the Button, We Do the Rest." By the 1890s, the business hub of the industry had shifted from studios to manufacturers of photographic equipment and chemicals, although many studios were still in operation.



LEFT: Louis-Prudent Vallée, advertisement for Vallée's *Views of Quebec*, 1878, albumen silver print, 10.1 x 6.2 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Québec City. RIGHT: William Notman, *Canada East*, portfolio from the maple box, 1859–60, silk, board, leather, and German silver, 76.2 x 91.4 x 5.1 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. Notman made two of these leather-bound portfolios of photographs and stereographs, setting each in a maple box. One of these boxes was given to Queen Victoria and the other remained in his Montreal studio.

36 COOK'S EXCURSIONIST AND TOURIST ADVERTISER, NOVEMBER, 1890.

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- - - we do the rest."*

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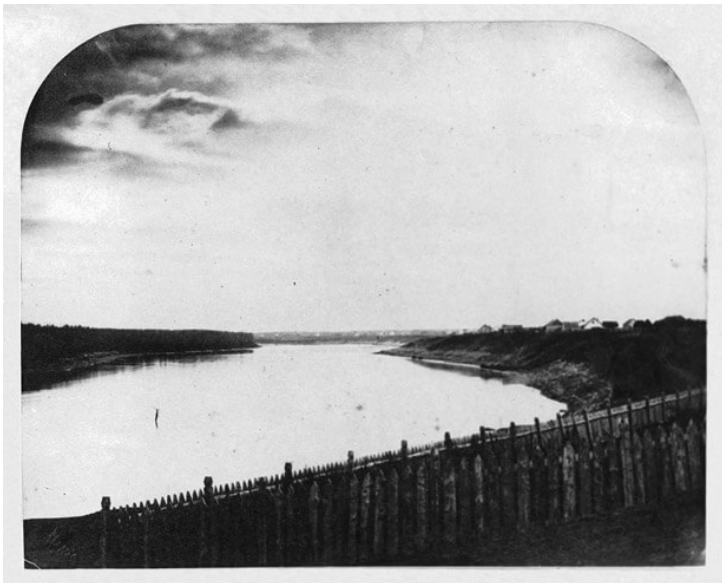
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Eastman Company advertisement for the Kodak Camera, 1890, 8.9 x 21.6 cm, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, New York.

1850–1870s: Building a Nation

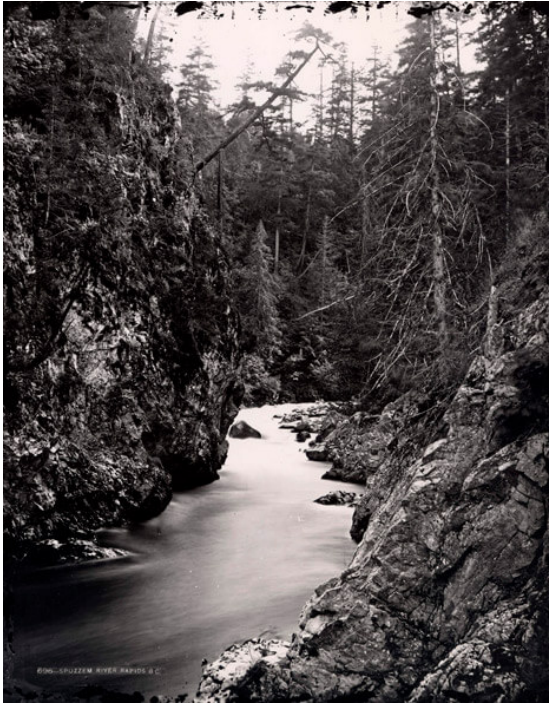
In the years leading up to Confederation, the population in the Province of Canada was spread out across a vast expanse of land, and people lived different lives depending on culture, religion, education, and occupation. Many Indigenous people maintained traditional ways of life on their ancestral territories, even as settlers cleared forests and cultivated crops on those same lands. Meanwhile, industry transformed urban areas, and railways and shipping canals opened new markets for manufactured goods. Political reforms shifted power away from Britain, and politicians in the settler-colonial government focused on trade and prosperity.¹⁸

During the 1850s, photography was integrated into all facets of life, and government officials used photography to produce records in the service of dispossessing Indigenous peoples in the West. Specifically, the government was preparing for westward expansion by organizing expeditions and geological surveys. These expeditions and surveys relied on emerging beliefs about the value of photography as evidence, and their use as documents imbued photographs with the authority of “truth.”¹⁹



LEFT: Humphrey Lloyd Hime, *Red River, from St. Andrew's Church, MB*, 1858, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, 13.6 x 17.2 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. RIGHT: Humphrey Lloyd Hime, *Freighter's boat on the banks of the Red River, MB*, 1858, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, albumen process, 13.7 x 17.1 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

The Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), established in 1842 as one of the country's first scientific organizations, aimed to develop the mining industry and promote European settlement.²⁰ The 1858 Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition led by Henry Youle Hind (1823–1908) was the first to use photography. Despite the challenges of working with the wet collodion process in the field, the expedition's photographer Humphrey Lloyd Hime (1833–1903) made portraits of Indigenous people, along with a series of landscape views of the route, in settlements, and at Hudson's Bay Company outposts.²¹



LEFT: Benjamin Baltzly, *Spuzzum River rapids, BC*, 1871, wet collodion negative, 20.3 x 25.4 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.
RIGHT: William McFarlane Notman, *Spence's bridge looking down Thompson River on the C.P.R., BC*, 1887, gelatin silver glass plate negative, 20.1 x 25.6 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

In 1871, Benjamin Baltzly (1835–1883) photographed landscapes and waterways for a geological survey led by Alfred R.C. Selwyn along the North Thompson River in British Columbia. Baltzly was employed by Notman, and his images of the B.C. interior were sold to clients in the East who were interested in the terrain of the West, which was unfamiliar to them.²² Over the following decades, government expeditions and surveys continued to produce photographs in support of a colonial idea of the West as rich in resources but largely uninhabited and therefore available for development by settlers. By the 1910s, photography was so integral to the work of the GSC that there were two full-time technicians processing the thousands of films and plates that topographers brought back from the field.²³

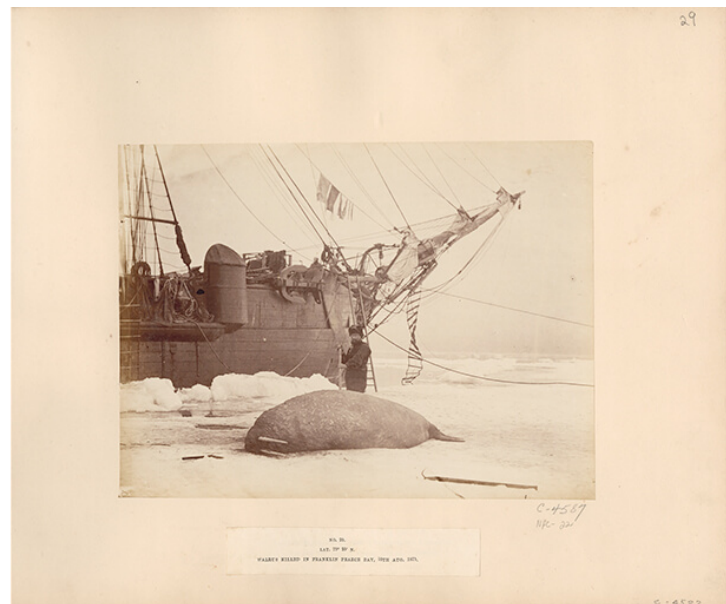
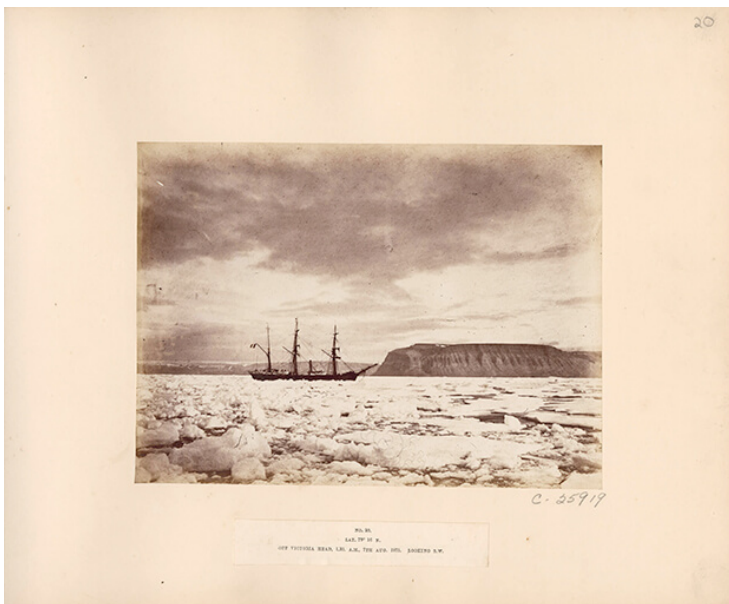
Photography was used by the settler-colonial government to demarcate and claim territory. Even when photographs were not essential to the process of surveying and mapping an area, photography was used to record that work. Between 1858 and 1862, the British sent two units of Royal Engineers to B.C. to produce a boundary survey marking the border with the United States.²⁴ The surveyors cut a line through the forest along the 49th parallel as they mapped and photographed the terrain. These surveys, which continued in the 1870s, sought to rationalize and standardize the natural environment to assert control and render it manageable.²⁵ The survey photographs were even used to settle a land dispute with the Americans.²⁶



Cutting on the 49th Parallel, 1861, photographer unknown, albumen print, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Also notable at this time is the crucial role photography played in exploration. Although written accounts were still considered the best way to convey the emotional challenges of an expedition, as the following examples show, photography was embraced as a tool for recording events and communicating discoveries. In 1857, the French naval officer Paul-Émile Miot (1827–1900)

produced some of the earliest photographs of Newfoundland, Cape Breton Island, and the French islands of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, located south of Newfoundland. Miot's work was used in hydrographic surveys, and select photographs were reproduced as woodcuts in French and American magazines.²⁷ Photographs made on Arctic expeditions, such as those by Thomas Mitchell and George White for the British Arctic Expedition of 1875–76, record topographic features and give an account of the conditions. Captain George Nares described the results as forming “a photographic history” of the expedition, and it became standard practice to use photography on subsequent Arctic voyages.²⁸ Eventually, Nares presented a portfolio of photographs from the trip to Queen Victoria, who was an avid collector of photography.²⁹



LEFT: Thomas Mitchell, *Lat. 79 degree 16' N. off Victoria Head, N.W.T. 1:30 a.m. 7th August 1875, looking S.W., 1875*, gelatin silver print, 35 x 40.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Thomas Mitchell, *Lat. 79 degree 25' N. walrus killed in Franklin Pearce Bay, 10th Aug., 1875, 1875*, gelatin silver print, 35 x 40.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

As another aspect of nation building, the settler-colonial government began to commission photographic documentation of major infrastructure projects. In many cases, these photographs were made to monitor progress and to demonstrate the ambitious nature of the work. Samuel McLaughlin was appointed the first official photographer for the Province of Canada in 1861, and in this role, he documented the construction of numerous public works projects, most notably the Parliament Buildings. When the Prince of Wales visited Canada in 1860, he was presented with an album of McLaughlin's photographs to highlight the colonial ties between the Province of Canada and the British Empire. Photographic documentation of construction ensured accountability and responsible government, as well as portraying the progress of nation building.



Samuel McLaughlin, *Parliament Buildings under construction, centre block, rear view*, c.1862, 28.7 x 37.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

During this period, one of the government's key concerns was improving transportation infrastructure to promote economic development. With the support of politicians in the colony, the British-owned Grand Trunk Railway Company began building a stretch of track between Toronto and Montreal in 1852, and this was soon extended south of Montreal. The company then constructed Victoria Bridge over the St. Lawrence River to link the island of Montreal to the south shore, which improved access to the U.S. market.

The bridge was considered a triumph of engineering, and William Notman was commissioned to photograph its construction.³⁰ His series from 1858–60 depicts the heavy machinery and elaborate scaffolding used to build the vast, tubular structure, and in some photographs, such as *Framework of tube and staging no. 8, Victoria Bridge, Montreal, QC*, 1859, labourers appear as small figures amid the imposing beams. Notman included a selection of stereographs of the bridge in a series of views that caught the attention of Britain's acclaimed *Art Journal*.³¹ His photographs conveyed the promise of industrial expansion and helped to build support for future development.



William Notman, *Framework of tube and staging no. 8, Victoria Bridge, Montreal, QC, 1859*, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, 22 x 29 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

Photographs of transportation infrastructure of the 1850s made it possible for citizens to imagine Canada as a nation. Indeed, British Columbia agreed to join the Dominion of Canada in 1871 because of the federal government's promise to build a link to the transnational railway, although it was not until the 1880s that a transcontinental railway connected eastern Canada to the west coast. The famous photograph by Alexander Ross (1889–1978) of Hon. Donald Smith driving the last spike marked the completion of the railway and the fulfillment of that promise. During this time, photographs for the Canadian Pacific Railway survey by Charles George Horetzky (1838–1900) were some of the first to depict the Northwest Territories and parts of the British Columbia interior.³²

Commercial involvement in photography grew alongside and intersected with its use by the settler-colonial government. In the late 1850s, photographers highlighted in their work the productivity and success of colonial settlements and the potential for future development. Their landscape views and street scenes promoted the success of the colony to loved ones back home, shaping the way the country and the West were imagined, and influencing settlement patterns. Images of the gold rush in the Cariboo Mountains made by photographers such as Charles Gentile (1835–1893) and Frederick Dally (1838–1914) were published widely in newspapers and immigration literature and attracted newcomers to the region, including many Americans.³³ Mining settlements, in particular, symbolized the region's rich natural resources and signalled the potential for prosperity and expansion.

During this crucial period, commercial and bureaucratic photography was used to subjugate Indigenous peoples and cultures in the service of building a new settler-colonial nation. Although Indigenous peoples opposed the expropriation of land and the extraction of resources by settlers, these conflicts were mainly described in textual accounts and were not often photographed. Even when Indigenous peoples' resistance was photographed, settlers interpreted this as evidence that Indigenous peoples were unable to adapt to modern life.³⁴ Today, it is important to recognize that this assumption about adaptation is incorrect and Indigenous cultures were able to transform and revitalize, even as they experienced many negative effects of contact with Europeans.



Alexander Ross, *Hon. Donald Smith driving the last spike to complete the Canadian Pacific Railway*, November 7, 1885, black and white albumen print, 20.3 x 25.4 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



LEFT: Frederick Dally, *Barkerville's Hotel de France*, before the fire of September 16, 1868, before September 1868, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria. RIGHT: Frederick Dally, *17 Mile Bluff on Fraser River*, c.1867–68, black and white photograph, 18.7 x 24.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

1860–1900s: Collecting Photographs and Creating Albums

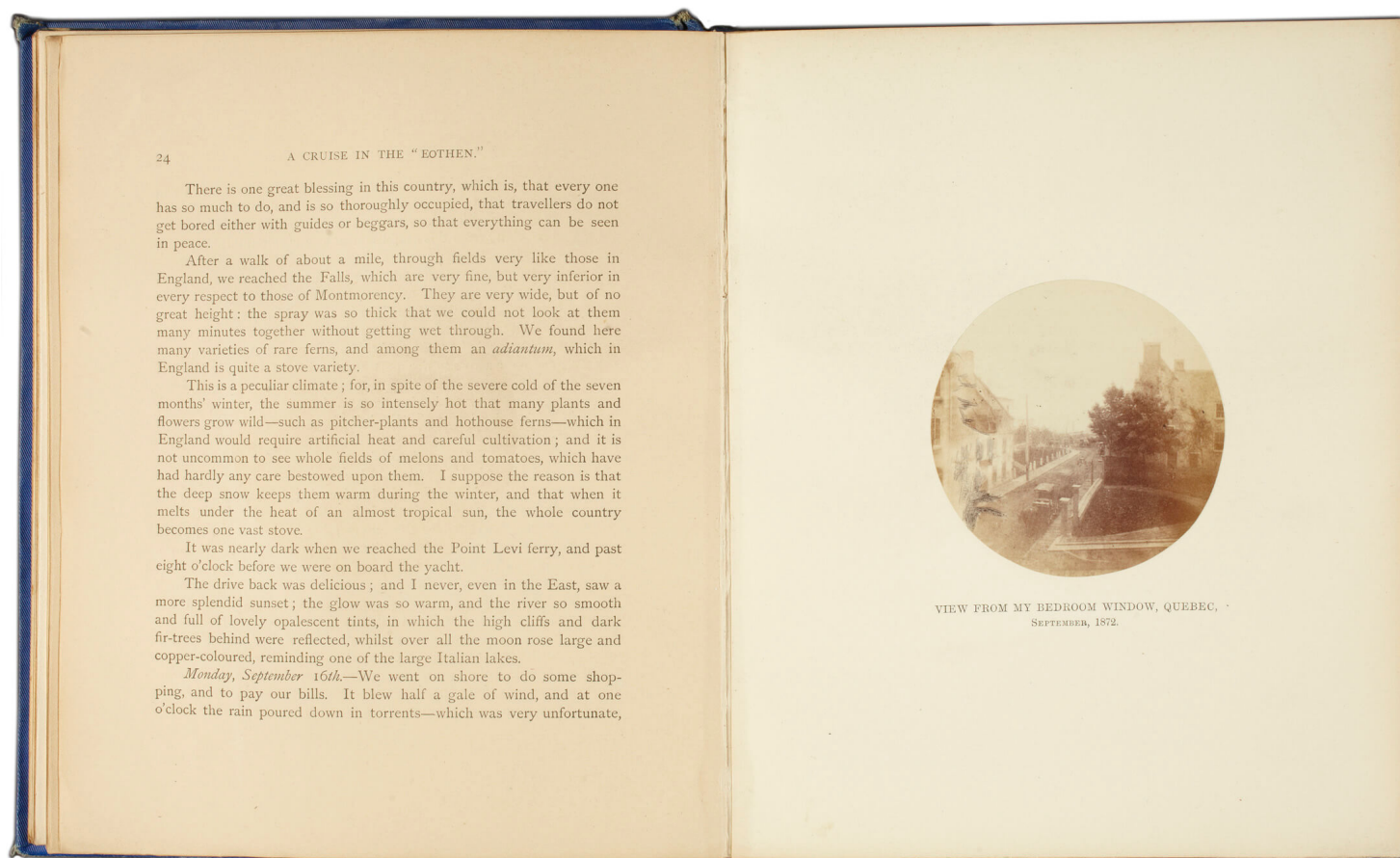
Amid the nation building and economic development of the late twentieth century in Canada, there were many opportunities for people to consume, collect, and eventually take their own photographs. Collecting and archiving photographs into albums was a powerful way to create narratives about family and social networks, and a popular activity for middle- and upper-class women in the nineteenth century. In one album from the 1880s, photographs of the Bonner family were incorporated into the form of a crest to express the

personalities of individual sitters and the status and relationships between family members.³⁵ In another instance, a grape-like cluster of circular cut-out portraits conveys a network of connections surrounding two men, Horace Sewell and John Duff, who appear at the centre and on the top of the collection of images.



LEFT: *Portraits of John, George and Sidney Bonner, and Two Unidentified Sitters*, c.1885, photographer unknown, albumen silver prints, mount: 27.2 x 22.3 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: *Portraits of Horace Sewell, John Duff, Ruth Sewell, William G. Sewell, Gertrude Bonner, Prince Albert and Twenty Unidentified Sitters*, c.1885, photographer unknown, albumen silver prints, mount: 27.2 x 22.3 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Personal photographic albums were also a means of normalizing settler-colonial beliefs about the new country of Canada while denying the violence of the encounter.³⁶ In 1872, Lady Annie Brassey (1839–1887) and her family travelled by private yacht from England, exploring the Maritimes before travelling up the St. Lawrence River to visit Montreal and on to Toronto and the all-important tourist destination of Niagara Falls. This journey was one of many that Brassey chronicled in albums and published books. In Canada, she collected city views and landscapes photographed by Alexander Henderson (1831–1913), and winter scenes made by William Notman. She commissioned portraits of herself and her travelling parties from Notman and a portrait of their yacht from Henderson. Brassey also made and developed her own photographs along the way.³⁷ She described Canada as a fitting place for “emigration for our overflowing population,” and her albums pictured Canada through the lens of a settler colonist.³⁸



Lady Annie Brassey, [*View from Lady Brassey's window in Quebec City*], 1872–73, albumen print, book: 20.8 x 17 cm; image: 7.1 x 7.1 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto. The photograph on the right, taken September 1872, depicts the view from Brassey's bedroom window while she was in Quebec.

Similarly, in an album from 1868, Captain Astley Fellowes Terry (1840–1926) carefully arranged photographs of his time in Canada that contributed to an imaginary geography of the country as a burgeoning settlement. As in many other early Canadian travel albums, Terry included few images of Indigenous people and life, which reinforced the idea of a land of colonial possibility.³⁹ But an album compiled by Reverend Edward F. Wilson, founding principal of Shingwauk Indian Residential School in Sault Ste. Marie, tells a different colonial story.⁴⁰

Shingwauk Indian Residential School (IRS) was funded by the Anglican Church and the Canadian government and was described as an “industrial school,” in that children spent half days in lessons and the remaining time labouring for the IRS and its farming operation. The inscription at the front of Wilson’s album suggests the empty book was presented to him soon after the opening of the IRS in 1876. The photographs that Wilson collected and likely commissioned over fifteen years are mostly studio portraits of staff and children at the IRS, as well as those who had left the IRS; these pictures are visual reflections of the institution’s goal of assimilation. The children are dressed in formal Victorian outfits and cast as Christians in photographs that conceal the way the young subjects were forcibly separated from their families, communities, and cultures.⁴¹ The residential school system operated from 1828 until 1996, with a notably active period of building and expansion following the introduction of the Indian Act of 1876. As in other institutions in the system, children at Shingwauk IRS were exposed to abuse and neglect behind the carefully curated façade of propagandistic tools like Wilson’s album of “successful” conversions.

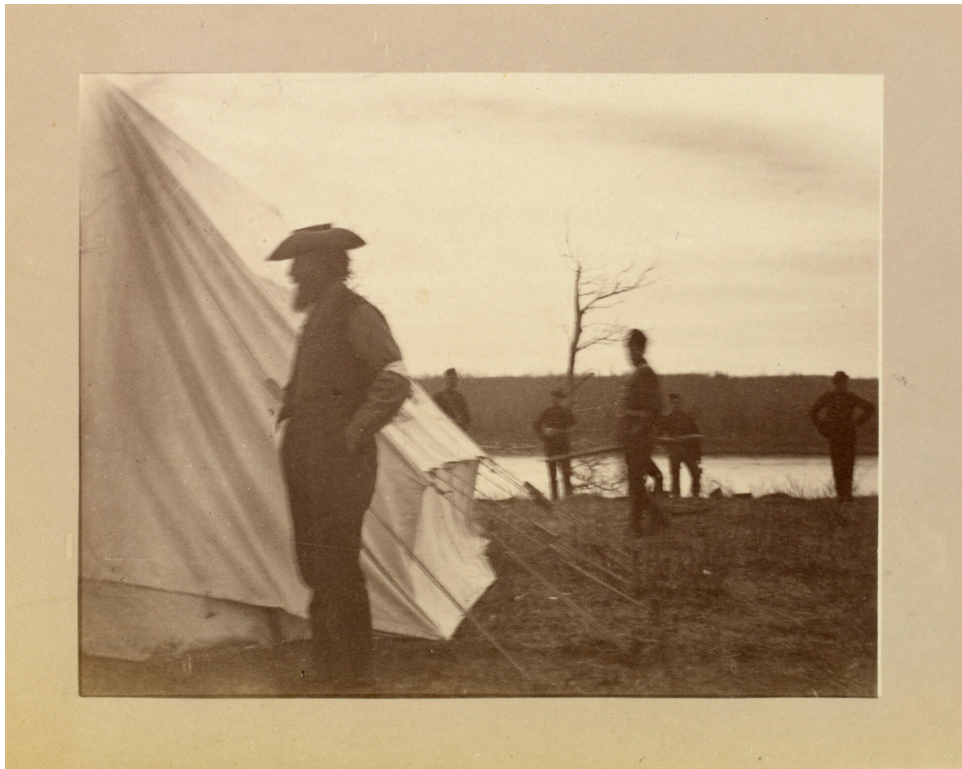


Page from Reverend Edward F. Wilson's illustrated family journal, 1868-94, 1887, writing by Edward F. Wilson, photographer unknown, Salt Spring Island Archives.

The arrival of dry plate film in the 1870s, followed by hand-held cameras in the 1880s, created radical new opportunities for more people to engage with photography, not by posing or collecting, but by taking their own photographs. Freed from having to cart burdensome equipment and no longer requiring technical expertise, many more people became photographers. Camera clubs and amateur photographers proliferated. One such person was Captain James Peters (1853-1927) of the Canadian Artillery, who was a member of a Quebec City camera club where he honed his skills using a twin-lens reflex camera with gelatin dry plates that could be shipped back to the manufacturer for developing.

Captain Peters was among the first in Canada to capture military activity in the line of duty. In 1884-85, he took his camera along when his unit was sent to Saskatchewan to fight the Riel Resistance. Although his photographs of Fish Creek and Batoche lack aesthetic appeal, they are notable as the first images taken during battle. Peters's album includes a blurry image of Louis Riel before the Métis leader was hanged for treason.⁴² Although Peters had not intended to circulate the photographs, their importance as historical documents was quickly recognized. The British journal *Amateur Photographer* published a selection of the photos in 1885, and albums of approximately fifty photographs were issued as souvenirs of the Riel Resistance.⁴³

George Eastman, an American businessman, invented the Kodak camera in 1888, creating a proliferation of amateur photographers. Cameras that were lightweight and easy to operate also opened up new avenues for women to create their own records of domestic and public life. In Drummondville, Quebec, Annie McDougall used a hand-held camera to photograph her friends and family, while Scottish aristocrat and social reformer Lady Aberdeen (1857–1939) used an early iteration of the Kodak camera to document two trips across Canada, in 1890 and 1891. Through her Onward and Upward Association, Lady Aberdeen was committed to providing education and emigration opportunities to working-class women. Her Canadian tours were designed so she could visit with some of the women her organizations had helped to settle in the Prairies and to solicit advice for young women considering a move to Canada. The photographs taken by Lady Aberdeen served double duty in her extensive family albums and as illustrations for her publications, where they were used to make Canada seem more accessible to potential young British immigrants. The Canadian trips were featured as articles in the Association's newsletter and then as a book, *Through Canada with a Kodak* (1893), published the same year her husband was appointed governor general of Canada.⁴⁴



James Peters, *Louis Riel, a prisoner in Major-General Frederick D. Middleton's Camp, Batoche, Saskatchewan, c. May 16, 1885*, albumen print, 9.6 x 12.6 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



Mr O'Brien (who christened the Lake of Killarney) and his wife talking to Lord Aberdeen.



LEFT: Ishbel Maria Gordon (Lady Aberdeen), Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, *Mr. O'Brien (who christened the Lake of Killarney) and his wife talking to Lord Aberdeen*, c.1893. This image is one of the many photographs taken by Lady Aberdeen during her Canadian tours that was included in *Through Canada with a Kodak* (1893). RIGHT: Ishbel Maria Gordon (Lady Aberdeen), Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, *Coldstream – Hops Going to Market*, c.1896–97, relief half-tone, 35 x 27 cm; image: 8.9 x 11.9 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Canadian women responded with enthusiasm to Kodak Girl advertisements that connected amateur female photographers with the ideal of liberated womanhood. Young women and girls embraced the simplicity of Kodak cameras and used them to photograph their recreational and social activities. The Toronto Girl Guides introduced a photographer's badge in 1916 that Girl Guides could earn by demonstrating their knowledge of cameras and chemistry. A summer camp for girls in Algonquin Park hired its first counsellor of photography in 1911, and female college students compiled albums emphasizing sports and social activities.⁴⁵

With the popularity of Kodak photography as a leisure activity for women, some of the men who belonged to camera clubs and considered themselves serious photographers sought to distance themselves from the new craze. They did so by trying to distinguish themselves through technique and artistry.⁴⁶ As the century drew to a close, amateur photographers of all kinds embraced the potential of new and easy-to-use processes and integrated photography into their daily lives.



Eastman Kodak Company, "Take a Kodak with you," date unknown, poster advertisement, 69 x 50.8 cm, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, New York.

1870s–1910s: The Rise of State Power and Capitalist Expansion

In the years after Confederation, in 1867, the new country of Canada grew to include Rupert's Land, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island. The population increased with an influx of immigrants from regions such as Scandinavia, and settlement in the West continued to encroach on Indigenous lands, resulting in conflicts such as the Red River Resistance and Riel Resistance. To counteract tensions between different cultural groups at this time, government unification projects included settlement programs and transportation infrastructure such as the transcontinental railway.

Photography contributed to the expansion of government when it was adopted as a technique of documentation and a form of evidence following the introduction of the dry plate process in the 1870s. Within government institutions, the medical sciences, and the social sciences, photography played a pivotal role in negotiating claims to power and as a method of surveillance.⁴⁷

By the 1870s, the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) was using photography extensively to explore and map the country, including to determine the route for the transcontinental railway, sites for resource development, and locations for settlers. Although geologists and surveyors set out to photograph topographical and geological features of land,



George Mercer Dawson, *Skidegate Indian Village of the Haida tribe in the Queen Charlotte Islands*, July 1878, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

many also turned their cameras on Indigenous inhabitants. George Mercer Dawson (1849–1901), a GSC geologist, photographed Haida Gwaii (the Queen Charlotte Islands) in 1876 and 1878. Dawson was especially interested in the Haida, and in addition to his own work, was a supporter of German American anthropologist Franz Boas, whose theory of cultural relativism discredited the idea that European culture was superior. Nonetheless, Dawson persisted in making photographs even though the Indigenous people he encountered were resistant and often did not want to interact with him because they understood how settlers sought to use photography as a form of dispossession.⁴⁸

The prevailing belief among Europeans at this time was that Indigenous people were inferior and destined to die out, so many photographers believed they needed to document Indigenous ways of life before they disappeared. The federal government was also involved in this undertaking through the Department of Indian Affairs. In the 1870s, the government commissioned images of traditional villages and Indigenous peoples, individually and in groups. Photographers such as Edward Dossetter (1843–1919) and Richard Maynard (1832–1907) travelled to communities on maritime inspection tours with Indian agents, and their work appeared in administrative reports to support the colonizers' claims.⁴⁹



Richard Maynard, *Members of the Ahousaht nation with seamen in uniform, on a beach after fishing, 1874*, black and white collodion glass plate negative, 20 x 25 cm, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria.

Following the takeover of Rupert's Land from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1870, the Canadian government grew concerned about conflict between Indigenous peoples and European settlers. To maintain social order, they formed a national police force in 1873 initially known as the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) and renamed the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in 1920.⁵⁰ In some countries, photography was introduced to policing in the mid-1850s, but in Canada it was not commonly used until the 1880s and 1890s, when portraits of the accused were collected in racks (called a "rogues' gallery") or were assembled in albums to track offenders. Commercial photographers were commissioned to photograph criminals; one such photographer was Hannah Maynard who worked for the Victoria police between 1897 and 1903.⁵¹ The photographs by Geraldine Moodie (1854–1945) of Indigenous subjects should also be considered within this framework because her photos accompanied her husband's reports for the NWMP.⁵²

Government and social science applications of photography in the West were initially geared toward producing knowledge about the land and Indigenous peoples. However, with the push to develop the Prairies as an agricultural region in the 1880s, there was a growing recognition that photography could be helpful in promoting settlement, and railroads and developers sought to change the way the land was represented photographically.

The persuasive qualities of photography were recognized in the realms of commerce and industry as a powerful promotional tool for supporting the expansion of capitalism. Although images emphasizing vast expanses of unpopulated territory suited the needs of surveyors for the Dominion government, the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) and land companies wanted photographs showing a hospitable environment full of opportunity.⁵³ For the most part, commercial photographers were hired for this work. William Notman's son, William MacFarlane Notman (1826–1891), Alexander Henderson, and Oliver Buell (1844–1910) were among the photographers who made images along the CPR routes that the company used to encourage travel and settlement.⁵⁴

The CPR's photographs were published in the company's promotional material and hung in window displays and waiting rooms overseas, but they were also



Geraldine Moodie, *Three Inuit women wearing beaded parkas in front of a canvas backdrop, Cape Fullerton (also known as Qatiktalik), Nunavut [Hattie (Niviaqsarjuk), Suzie and Jennie], 1904*, gelatin silver print, 25.4 x 20.3 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



Oliver Buell, *Train on The Loop, Selkirks, British Columbia, 1886*, Glenbow Archives, Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary.

made widely available to publishers and used in encyclopedias and textbooks. Photographs emphasized well-established infrastructure, existing settlement, and symbols of progress such as cars, electricity, and machinery. These images tended to convey an idealized vision of the Prairies as an abundant agricultural region and nurtured an exaggerated narrative of success and plenty that deliberately misled would-be settlers.

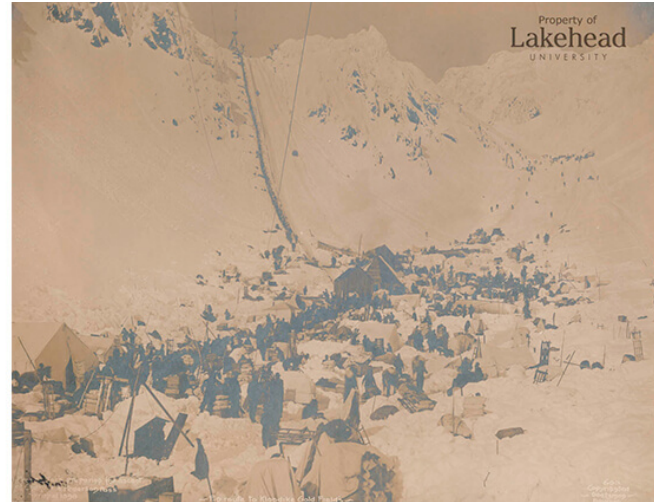
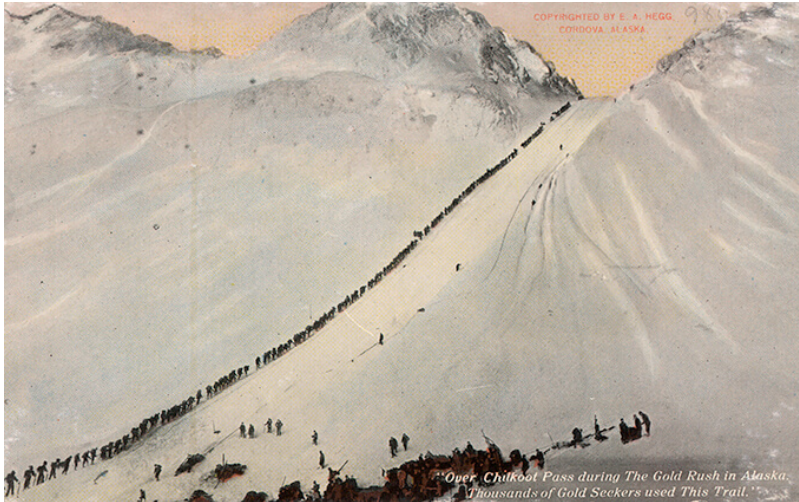
The Ministry of Immigration and Colonization adopted the image of the West created by the CPR in their official publication, *Canada West*, and later, individual towns continued with this portrayal in their promotional literature.⁵⁵ But the CPR's promotional photographs looked much different from those made by community-based photographers. William S. Beal (1874–1968) was among a number of Black Americans who moved to the West in Canada for employment opportunities, in his case in a sawmill in western Manitoba. His photograph *Portrait of Clarence Abrahamson in a field of marquis wheat*, 1915, captures the fecundity of Prairie agriculture without romanticizing it.



LEFT: W.J. Oliver, *Harvesting Grain Crops, Arrowwood area, Alberta*, 1927, Glenbow Archives, Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary. RIGHT: William S. Beal, *Portrait of Clarence Abrahamson in a field of marquis wheat*, 1915, black and white glass plate negative, Collection of Robert Barrow.

Events such as the Klondike Gold Rush (1896–99) led to a convergence of different practices of photography. In this instance, many geologists and surveyors adopted photography as a professional tool. Joseph Burr Tyrrell (1858–1957), who worked as a mining engineer in the Klondike, made photographs of ore deposits and mining procedures to illustrate his findings.⁵⁶ But the Gold Rush also attracted professional and amateur photographers alike, and their images portray everyday life as well as scenes of the difficult mountain crossing from Alaska into the Klondike region of the Yukon.

The Chilkoot Trail was a Tlingit trade route that became the primary path for prospectors travelling to the goldfields of the Klondike until a railway was built in 1899. Scenes of prospectors ascending the summit, laden with supplies, was a favourite subject among professional photographers such as Eric A. Hegg (1867–1947), George Cantwell (1870–1948), Larss & Duclos Studio (1899–1904), and Henry and Mary Goetzman of Goetzman Studio (1898–1904).⁵⁷ Many commercial photographers sold postcards, stereographs, and other popular formats to prospectors wanting to commemorate their Klondike adventures.



LEFT: Eric A. Hegg, "Over Chilkoot Pass during the Gold Rush in Alaska. Thousands of gold seekers used this trail," c.1898, colour postcard, National Archives and Records Administration Pacific Alaska Region, Anchorage, Alaska. RIGHT: H.J. Goetzman Studio, *Stampedeers ascending Chilkoot Pass with tents and supplies in the foreground*, 1898, colour postcard, Lakehead University Library Archives and Digital Collections, Thunder Bay.

1890–1930s: The Growth of Photographic Art

At the turn of the century, Canadian art galleries and schools conformed to traditions from Europe, and painters such as Horatio Walker (1858–1938) and William Brymner (1855–1925) adapted French styles to depict rural Canadian landscapes. It was in this context that some photographers began exploring the artistic potential of photography, even as debates continued internationally about whether photography was an art or science.

Critics such as French poet Charles Baudelaire and art critic and historian Lady Elizabeth Eastlake had recognized photography's potential as a new form of technology and communication in the 1850s, but they were reluctant to consider it an art form.⁵⁸ Photography challenged established ideas about art because it was produced through machinery, rather than directly by an artist's hand as with painting or sculpture. Nonetheless, some photographers explored its artistic potential by emulating certain aspects of painting, such as their choice of subject matter, composition, and allegorical message.

In the 1890s, Pictorialism emerged as a new international movement dedicated to an avant-garde movement of art photography. Leading figures of Pictorialism included Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946) in the United States and Frederick H. Evans (1853–1943) in England. The Canadian scene was invigorated by artists in Canada, such as Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872–1970) and Minna Keene (1861–1943), who were connected to these international networks.⁵⁹ Keene was a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society in England and exhibited her work in their annual exhibitions before and after immigrating to Canada in 1913.



Minna Keene, *Our Malay Washerwoman*, 1903–13, silver gelatin print, The Image Centre, Toronto.

The Pictorialist movement was a response to the industrialization of the nineteenth century and a rejection of, and alternative to, the instrumental, functional uses of photography, both institutional and commercial.⁶⁰ Pictorialists were motivated by an interest in the applied arts, specifically the idea, advocated by those involved in the Arts and Crafts movement, of harmony

between the arts.⁶¹ Whereas designer William Morris (1834–1896) and other Arts and Crafts practitioners responded to industrial production by creating unique handcrafted furniture and decorative objects, the Pictorialists responded to mechanistic views of photography by creating an aura of artistry in their work.

The Pictorialists turned to a range of subject matter, including portraits, landscapes, and still lifes, and emphasized individual expression as they experimented with photographic techniques and process, such as selective focus, atmospheric lighting, and gum bichromate and platinum printing to create painterly effects and establish mood.⁶² Connections to music and literature were explored through design principles, in particular harmony and unity, as well as in themes and subjects, as seen in a portrait of writer Rudyard Kipling, 1907, by Sidney Carter (1880–1956).⁶³



LEFT: Sidney Carter, *Rudyard Kipling*, 1907, gelatin silver print, 24.9 x 18.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Sidney Carter, *Portrait of a Woman, "after D(ante) G(abriel) R(osetti)"*, 1906–30, 21.2 x 15.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

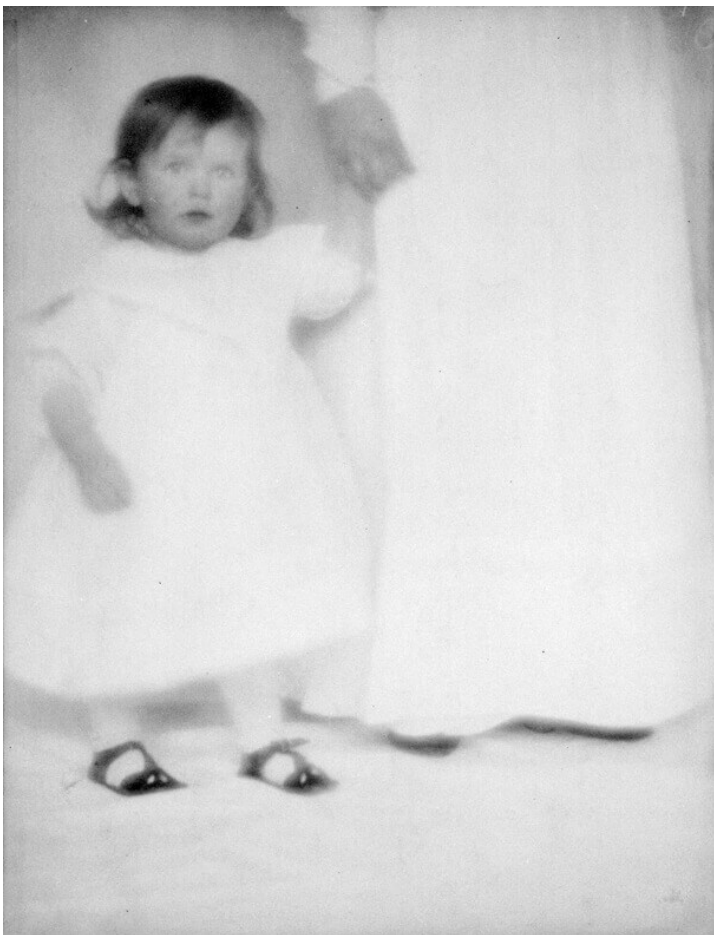
In Canada, the centres of Pictorialist activity were Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, and Vancouver, although the Toronto Camera Club was the main focus of activity at the turn of the century. One key figure was Carter, an early proponent of Pictorialism who exhibited in London, England, and was elected into the membership of the Photo-Secession group led by Alfred Stieglitz in New York. Carter was active in Toronto and, along with fellow member Arthur Goss (1881–1940), was involved in redecorating the club to create a style and atmosphere similar to Gallery 291, Stieglitz's gallery in New York.⁶⁴ This approach was a change from salon-style modes of display typical of earlier photography exhibitions because it emphasized the artistic qualities of individual works.

Goss helped found the Studio Club with other Pictorialists to exhibit in Canada and abroad with the belief that these exhibitions would help to build a network of art photographers across the country. These presentations of Pictorialist photography in the 1910s were important in developing a public dialogue about artistic photography as they invited responses in newspapers and magazines, including by art critic and fellow photographer Mortimer-Lamb.⁶⁵

Goss hoped that photographers would follow the example of the Group of Seven painters and define a uniquely Canadian style in art photography.⁶⁶ At first glance, Goss's artistic work appears different from the photographs he made in his job as the official photographer for the City of Toronto because of the soft lighting and diffuse backgrounds, such as in *Child and Nurse*, 1906. However, on closer evaluation, it seems that both bodies of work are born out of an interest in the changing conditions of modern life.⁶⁷



Arthur Goss, *Untitled (luncheon at the Arts and Letters Club, 57 Adelaide Street East)*, c.1920, gelatin silver print, 20.8 x 15.9 cm. Depicted in this image are prominent figures in the history of Canadian arts and culture, including A.Y. Jackson, F.H. Varley, Lawren S. Harris, Barker Fairley, Frank H. Johnston, Arthur Lismer, and J.E.H. MacDonald.



LEFT: Arthur Goss, *Child and Nurse*, 1906, gelatin silver print, 20.9 x 16 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Harold Mortimer-Lamb, *Laura Muntz Lyall, A.R.C.A.*, c.1907, platinum print, 24.4 x 19.4 cm; image: 20.5 x 15.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

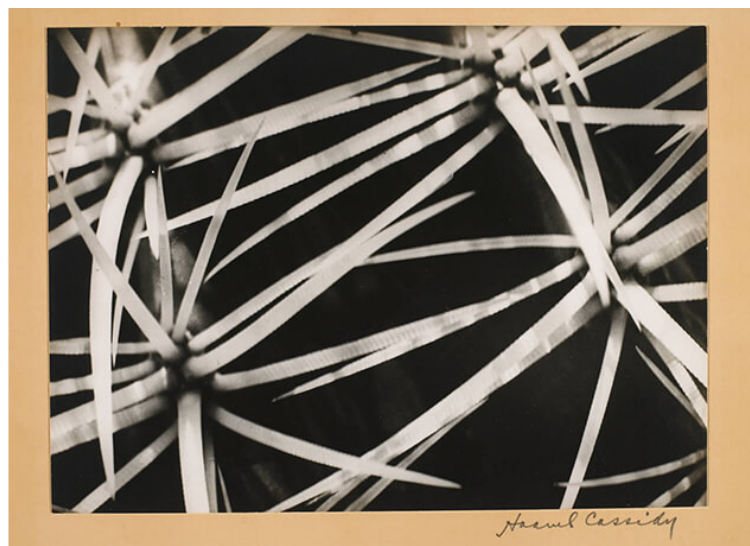
During the 1920s, photography was integrated into the developing structures of a Canadian art world. A select few art photographers played key roles in the arts generally and helped to build networks across the country. Mortimer-Lamb was one such figure. His commitment to the arts is evident from his concurrent involvement in painting, and this intersection is explored in portraits he made of friend and teacher Laura Muntz Lyall (1860–1930), a painter in Montreal.⁶⁸

On the West coast, John Vanderpant (1884–1939) was the founder of a major annual exhibition of photography in Vancouver that helped popularize photography as an art form. In 1928, with Mortimer-Lamb, Vanderpant founded one of the most influential commercial art galleries of the day. The Vanderpant Galleries showed modernist work ranging from Group of Seven paintings to photographs by Americans Imogen Cunningham (1883–1976) and Edward Weston (1886–1958). As he nurtured artists and built public interest in photographic art, Vanderpant earned international acclaim for his own photographs, such as *Untitled*, c.1930, which had transitioned from a Pictorialist to a modernist style.⁶⁹

Although Pictorialism was concerned with validating photography as an art form, modernism focused on photography's unique formal properties such as line, shape, pattern, and composition. For many practitioners, such as Eugene Haanel Cassidy (1903–1980), this meant exploring how photography could represent the world in unexpected and innovative ways. In the 1930s, Cassidy regularly turned his camera on plants, transforming them through lighting and radical cropping into exotic and often unrecognizable patterns, as in *Welcome*, c.1938. The formal language of modernism emphasized abstract form and design, although some photographers, including Vanderpant and Margaret Watkins (1884–1969), incorporated aspects of both Pictorialism and modernism in their work. This hybrid style combined geometric forms and dramatic contrast with soft focus and warm-toned papers.⁷⁰



John Vanderpant, *Untitled*, c.1930, gelatin silver print, 35.3 x 27.8 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



LEFT: Margaret Watkins, *Untitled (Still-life with Glass Bowl and Glasses)*, c.1928, gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 23.3 cm; image: 15.9 x 20.7 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Eugene Haanel Cassidy, *Welcome*, c.1938, gelatin silver print, 18.3 x 24.9 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Most Canadian photographers of this era who created photographs with an artistic intent were, like Cassidy and Watkins, also working in other realms. However, they drew on international artistic movements and helped to build the

aesthetic infrastructure that would support the flourishing field of art photography in the postwar period.

1900–1940: Urbanization, Conflict, and the Rise of the Mass Media

During the early twentieth century, photography became central to the way Canadians understood their place in the nation and the world. With the development of halftone printing, newspapers and magazines began publishing more photographs, often in separate illustrated sections, which were popular and helped newspapers boost circulation.⁷¹ This new exposure to photographs introduced readers to the world beyond their daily experience.⁷² Illustrated editions of newspapers such as *Toronto World* portrayed wilderness landscapes and hunting scenes that transported readers to remote areas of the country untouched by development, while also turning urban poverty into a spectacle for consumption.⁷³ As photo historian Gisèle Freund observed, the mass dissemination of photography had a social impact because “as the reader’s outlook expanded the world began to shrink.”⁷⁴

With the public’s thirst for novelty and a rising demand for images, a new profession was born. Press photographers devised new reporting techniques, often going to great lengths to get the picture that would best tell a story.⁷⁵ Their rationale was that the more adventurous the photographer, the more exciting the pictures. Photographers often climbed ladders to get a good view of a crowd, or flew in dirigible airships to capture aerial perspectives.

Hamilton-born Jessie Tarbox Beals (1870–1942) was known for her fearless pursuit of subjects and is shown here getting set to take

midair photos at the 1904 World’s Fair. Beals was one of the first women to work in the field, and as press photographer for the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair, her work was published in numerous papers, including the *Buffalo Enquirer*, the *New York Herald*, and the *Tribune*.⁷⁶ In Winnipeg, Lewis Benjamin Foote (1873–1957) photographed crowds during the Winnipeg General Strike (1919), and in Toronto, the emotionally appealing photographs of William James (1866–1948) explored the changing nature of modern life. James photographed winter scenes of toboggan runs in High Park, and noteworthy events such as the first plane flight in the Toronto region (1910) were featured in local newspapers and magazines.



LEFT: “Some of the Little Citizens of Toronto’s Congested Area,” in *Toronto World*, March 9, 1913, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Mr. Lazarnick and Mrs. Jessie Tarbox Beals about to ascend in a captive balloon to take midair photos at the 1904 World’s Fair, 1904, photographer unknown, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri.





L.B. Foote, *Winnipeg General Strike, crowds at Victoria Park, 1919*, black and white glass plate negative, 16.5 x 21.6 cm, Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

Photography continued to play an important role in attracting new immigrants to settle the Prairies in the 1910s. With the goal of building the country's economy, Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier and his Minister of the Interior, Clifford Sifton, sought newcomers from previously untapped regions, especially central and eastern Europe. Under Sifton's direction, William James Topley was hired to photograph new arrivals at the Hospital and Immigration Detention Centre in Quebec, and the Department of the Interior distributed Topley's photographs as promotional material.⁷⁷ As immigration surged, there was widespread discussion about how to "Canadianize" newcomers. These debates invariably intersected with anxiety about whether non-British immigrants would assimilate in Canada. There was also concern over conditions in the nation's growing urban centres.



LEFT: William James Topley, *Galician immigrants, Québec, c.1911*, black and white nitrate negative, 12.5 x 17.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Arthur Goss, *Rear, 81 Elizabeth St., May 15, 1913*, gelatin silver print, 13 x 18 cm, City of Toronto Archives.

Photography figured prominently as a tool in diagnosing perceived urban problems such as unsanitary conditions and as a key means of influencing public opinion about certain ethnic groups. In Toronto, where many central and eastern Europeans settled, the official city photographer Arthur Goss made photographs as evidence of slum conditions, which the municipal government used to institute public health initiatives and social welfare reforms aimed at recent immigrants.⁷⁸ Press coverage of immigration issues varied in viewpoint and tone depending on the publication, with a range of results. In the pages of tabloid newspapers, immigrants living in congested areas of the downtown were often pictured as a source of curiosity and an object of derision. In other publications, discussions focused on assimilating newcomers as a form of nation building and to preserve the liberal political order.⁷⁹

Although the federal government used photography to encourage immigration to Canada by some nationalities, the government also used it to regulate the entry of racialized subjects. The Chinese Immigration Act of 1885 required Chinese immigrants to submit identity photographs and pay what was called a head tax. This placed a significant and inequitable financial burden on Chinese immigrants to Canada. When the Act was repealed in 1923, it was replaced by the equally punitive and discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act.⁸⁰ The Canadian government took escalating steps to dissuade and control Chinese immigration by increasing the tax tenfold between 1883 and 1903. In 1910, the government also added photographs to the identity certificates required of all Chinese immigrants, and this marked the first instance of the systematic use of photography in identification documents in Canada.⁸¹



Certificate of payment of head tax (Kwok Chee Mark), March 25, 1918, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. The government issued CI 5 certificates for payment of the head tax.

During the First World War (1914–18), the imagery of conflict was also managed by the government instead of the press. The Canadian War Records Office (CWRO), established in 1916 by Sir Max Aitken (Lord Beaverbrook), oversaw the government's program to document Canada's war effort through painting, photography, and film. The program's official photographers, Captain William Ivor Castle (1877–1947) and Lieutenant William Rider-Rider (1889–1979), were members of the British press who reported on Canada's role in the war.⁸² Their images were used to generate public support for the war with photographs depicting common themes such as destroyed villages and ravaged landscapes. Photographing scenes after a battle or staging and combining multiple negatives into one print were sometimes considered reasonable alternatives to the danger of shooting photographs on the front lines.⁸³

These official war photographs were published in magazines and newspapers, but they also reached a wide audience through popular formats such as stereographs and postcards. Soldiers were prohibited from taking photographs due to security concerns; however, this regulation was not always followed, and some, such as J.A. Spencer, did compile albums of personal photographs, postcards, and newspaper clippings.⁸⁴ Additionally, aerial photography was a new form of reconnaissance and it became important in military strategy.



LEFT: William Ivor Castle, *Misery Absolutely Destroyed by Germans Before Leaving*, March 1917, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.
RIGHT: J.A. Spencer, page 8 of *Airships, Rigid and Non-Rigid*, Howden, 1916–19, album page: gelatin silver print, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Whereas photography figured in wartime operations in numerous ways, the prevailing functions were to shape public opinion and to create a historical record. Exhibitions of official war photographs, such as the Canadian War Records Office's exhibit at Grafton Galleries in London, England, were extremely popular. Featuring framed prints that borrowed from the scale and drama of history paintings, these exhibitions presented a view of the war that was palatable for public consumption.⁸⁵

1939–1967: Global Conflict and the Cold War

By the Second World War (1939–45), state photography and the press gradually became more intertwined. Throughout the war, the National Film Board of Canada (NFB), Still Photography Division (SPD), founded in 1941, advanced the war effort by publishing popular photo-stories that fostered national unity and boosted morale. Photographers such as George Hunter (1921–2013), Nicholas Morant (1910–1999), and Harry Rowed (1907–1987) focused on subjects such as civilian life, military operations, and industry.⁸⁶ Some of the many photographs celebrating the manufacturing industry featured women's contribution to the war effort through factory work. The SPD's photographs reached a mass audience through general interest magazines in Canada and internationally.



LEFT: Harry Rowed, *Female worker Pauline Renard stencils a case of 25-pounder shells ready for shipment at the Cherrier or Bouchard plants of the Defense Industries Limited, 1944*, black and white cellulose nitrate film negative, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Veronica Foster, *an employee of John Inglis Co. Ltd. and known as "Ronnie, the Bren Gun Girl" posing with a finished Bren gun in the John Inglis Co. Ltd. Bren gun plant, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1941*, photographer unknown, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

The patriotic tone of the images even extends to images of Japanese Canadians interned under the War Measures Act in 1942.⁸⁷ The nationalistic approach of the SPD is especially evident when contrasted with illicit photographs taken by people imprisoned in the Tashme internment camp and postwar portraits by Robert Minden (b.1941).⁸⁸ These unofficial photographs engage in complex and varied ways with the suffering and loss associated with the dissolution of family and community.



LEFT: George Kazuta, *Tashme Internment camp scene; Tashme, BC, c.1943*, Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, Burnaby. RIGHT: Jack Long, *Administrative routine is handled in the camp Commission offices by second-generation Japanese, 1943*, black and white negative, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Photography continued to serve as a tool of state propaganda during the Cold War, when Canada struggled to secure its sovereignty in the Arctic. In response to United States military presence in the region, in September 1951, the Canadian government sent a ship to re-open its northernmost RCMP outpost, in the High Arctic, about 1,200 kilometres (or 700 miles) north of the Arctic Circle. An SPD photographer accompanied the team and photographed the flag raising, dignitaries, a snow-clad mountain, and Inuit families gathered for the event. Although the photograph suggests that this was a natural location for Inuit inhabitants, Craig Harbour was abandoned as uninhabitable decades earlier. The Inuit families pictured were relocated to this settlement from Dundas Harbour, an RCMP post farther south that closed in order to re-open Craig Harbour. This would not be the first nor the last time the Canadian government coerced Inuit families to move and then photographed them for political purposes.⁸⁹



LEFT: Richard Harrington, *Alaria gathering wood*. Although her name was Alaria, everybody called her Alanaaq, 1949-50, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Douglas Wilkinson, *Eastern Arctic, Flag raising at Craig Harbour*, 1951, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

In contrast to the official images, in the following years, photographer Richard Harrington (1911–2005) published his own photographs of Inuit subjects. The photographs in Harrington's book *The Face of the Arctic*, 1952, are accompanied by an account of his travels and interactions with Inuit, and for the most part he presented struggle as a fact of life in the North. However, his photographs of the Pagleimiut depict people starving in desperate circumstances, and he criticized the Canadian government for its neglect.⁹⁰

Edward Steichen (1879–1973), director of the Photography Department at the Museum of Modern Art, in New York, included three of Harrington's Arctic photographs in the exhibition *The Family of Man*, 1955. Sponsored by the United States Information Agency, the exhibition was shown abroad as an instrument of Cold War cultural diplomacy. Five copies of the exhibition

travelled to thirty-seven countries and approximately 9 million people saw the show between 1955 and 1962.

Described as “the most successful photography exhibition ever mounted,” *The Family of Man* included images by 273 photographers from sixty-eight countries and promoted American interests with the curatorial message of humanity as one family.⁹¹ The exhibition was shown at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa in 1957, and it inspired Lorraine Monk, executive producer of the NFB’s SPD, to launch projects such as *Call Them Canadians*, which adapted the humanist message to a Canadian context.⁹²



Rolf Petersen, installation view of the exhibition *The Family of Man* at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, 1955. The exhibition included Richard Harrington’s photograph *Kinaryuak and her son, Kipsiyak, near Padlei, Nunavut*, 1950, as seen in this image.

Photography also played a vital role in cultural diplomacy at Expo 67 in Montreal and was featured in brochures, on postcards, and on many other souvenirs, including a book of photographs of Canada by Roloff Beny (1924–1984) called *To Everything There Is a Season* (1967), which served as an official government gift to visiting heads of state. In addition, photography was integrated into the architecture of the Expo 67 site, with structures like the *People Tree*, 1967, an installation at the entrance of the Canadian Pavilion that was another of Monk’s projects.⁹³ The *People Tree* was a 21-metre (70-foot) construction surrounding a spiral staircase that took the form of a maple tree. The “tree” was adorned with seven hundred photographs of Canadians printed on orange and red nylon sheets. Staff at the SPD selected photographs, such as a 1965 image of a woman trying on a hat in a millinery store by Pierre Gaudard (1927–2010), for the display with the aim of creating a “Canadian *Family of Man*.”

Similar to its American counterpart, the *People Tree* installation was designed to bring people together, but the photographic display also aligned with the Canadian government’s policy of multiculturalism to present pluralism as a defining feature of national identity.⁹⁴ Adapting Steichen’s message of the essential oneness of humanity, *People Tree* was an attempt to create a positive image of Canada for a national and an international audience during the country’s centenary celebration.



LEFT: Pierre Gaudard, *View of a woman shopping in a millinery store in Montreal*, 1965, National Film Board Still Photography Division Archive, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. This image by Gaudard was included in the *People Tree*, a component of the Canadian Pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal. RIGHT: View of the *People Tree* at Expo 67 in Montreal, 1967, photographer unknown, 35mm Kodachrome frame, 24 x 36 mm. The *People Tree* was positioned at the entrance of the Canadian Pavilion.

1960s–1980s: Social Movements, New Documentary, and Conceptual Art

In the 1960s, a range of social movements developed in response to growing awareness of various forms of inequality. Campaigns for women's rights, Indigenous rights, and rights for the LGBTQ2S+ community resulted in changes such as universal suffrage and the decriminalization of homosexuality. Photography was an important aspect of these social movements, as it was a way to record and publicize social protests and also provided recognition. For marginalized groups, photographic self-representation was at once an affirmation and a means of securing political representation.



LEFT: Sunil Gupta, *Sunil with Fakroon*, 1975, pigment print on archival paper, edition of five, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto. © Sunil Gupta / DACS London / CARCC Ottawa 2023. RIGHT: *Susanna and three friends outside*, attributed to Andrea Susan, 1964–69, chromogenic print, 8.9 x 10.8 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Journalist Gerald Hannon (1944–2022) and others embraced photography in their quest to document gay liberation parades, actions such as kiss-ins, court cases, and conflicts with the police. But while press photographs contributed to the public visibility of queer communities, personal snapshots were a way for

individuals to explore gender identity.⁹⁵ After Sunil Gupta (b.1953) immigrated to Montreal in 1969, he began to photograph his friends and lovers as part of the process of coming out. These images convey his experiences of building family and community during the gay liberation movement. The photographs in the Casa Susanna collection at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto depict visitors at a resort for cross-dressers in upstate New York and are a prime example of the role photography played in the formation of queer and trans communities.⁹⁶ Later in the 1970s and 1980s, the artist collective General Idea (active 1969–1994) appropriated materials and strategies from the mass media in projects such as *FILE Magazine*, which references the popular American picture magazine, *LIFE*. The group challenged artistic and social conventions with their queer sensibility. Meanwhile, Toronto-based artist Nina Levitt (b.1955) made work about lesbian sexuality, and a Vancouver artist collective, Kiss & Tell, provoked debates about lesbian sexuality and desire with a controversial exhibition.

In the 1970s, photographers developed new approaches to documentary and explored changing social relationships. Immersing themselves in new environments and cultures, photographers expressed subjective experience and political perspectives in their individual and collective projects. To reach new audiences, photographers including Alvin Comiter (b.1948) and Clara Gutsche (b.1949) published photo books and exhibited their work in art galleries.



Claire Beaugrand-Champagne, *Ti-Noir Lajeunesse, the blind fiddler, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Disraeli*, 1972, gelatin silver print, 10.2 x 17.2 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.

In Quebec, the Quiet Revolution brought about a series of reforms aimed at secularizing government, thereby transforming the province's social, economic, political, and artistic landscape. Photography in Quebec ran parallel to the social unrest as photographers became involved in movements for political change. The socially engaged photography collective Groupe d'action photographique (GAP), which included Claire Beaugrand-Champagne (b.1948), Michel Campeau (b.1948), Gabor Szilasi (b.1928), and others, documented the decline of rural life in Quebec during a period of cultural renewal, urbanization, and modernization.⁹⁷ As the federal government recognized the social value of immigration and adopted a policy of multiculturalism, Michael Semak (1934–2020) photographed immigrant communities including Italians in Toronto and Ukrainians on the Prairies.⁹⁸

Also at this time, public inquiries, in particular the Royal Commission on the Status of Women (1967–70), along with related legal and policy changes, improved opportunities for women in Canada. *Faces of Feminism*, 1992, by Pamela Harris (b.1940) is an important testament to the work of women from different ethnic backgrounds, classes, sexual orientations, and professions across urban and rural Canada. The project that began in 1981, and resulted in an exhibition and book, is a collection of portraits paired with text written by the sitters to celebrate women who have struggled to transform patriarchy.⁹⁹

The changing social and political climate was both shaped by and had an impact on the art world and the place of photography within it. Artists began to engage with social and political issues, frequently using new media and innovative techniques, including photography. In the 1970s, Suzy Lake (b.1947) turned to photography as she explored gender as a social construct. Using herself as subject, she engaged with questions of perception and experimented with femininity as performance. In *Miss Chatelaine*, 1973, Lake applies makeup and poses in a variety of hairstyles as a commentary on beauty standards and the constraints of gender conventions. In the mid-1980s, First Nations artist Jeff Thomas (b.1956) began challenging European stereotypes of Indigeneity with a series of portraits of his son Bear pictured in urban settings.

Also important in this period are early photographic investigations of land use, pollution, and the human impact on the environment. In artwork from 1985 depicting open pit mines, railcuts, and tailing ponds, Edward Burtynsky (b.1955) developed his signature style of highly detailed, aesthetically engaging images depicting the damaging effects of industrial culture.



Pamela Harris, *Eunadie Johnson, Crisis Centre Director, Thompson, Manitoba*, 1985, gelatin silver print, variable dimensions.



LEFT: Jeff Thomas, *Bear Portraits, Culture Revolution*, Toronto, Ontario, 1984. RIGHT: Ian MacEachern, *Main Street, Saint John, NB*, 1964, gelatin silver print, 27.9 x 35.6 cm.

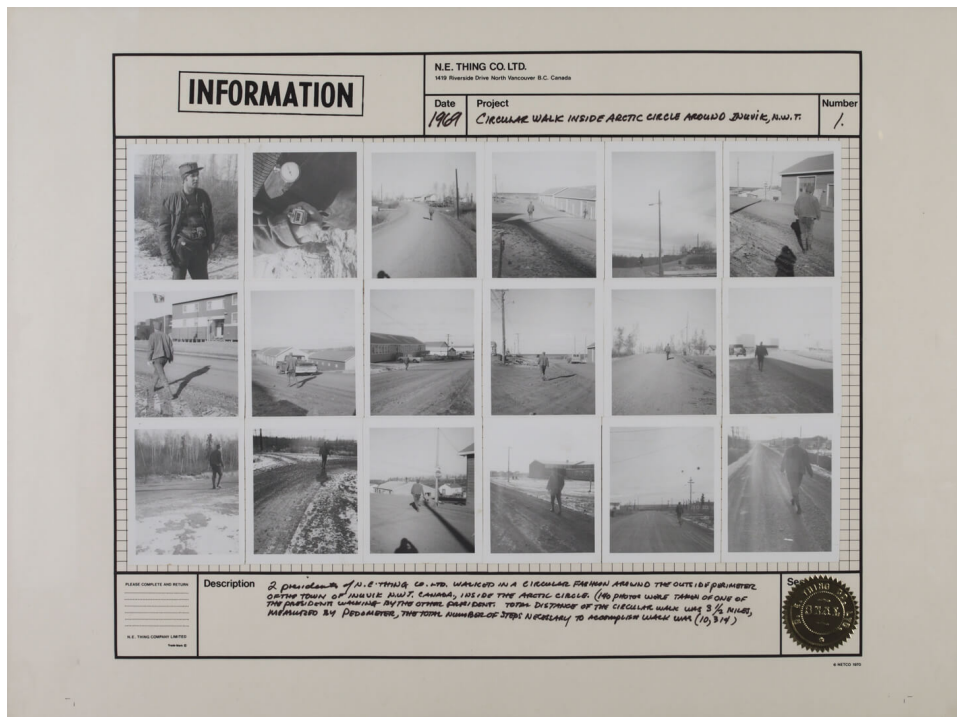
The 1960s through the 1980s was a period of growth in the arts sector, with the formation of artist-run centres, the construction of regional galleries, and new opportunities for funding from the Canada Council for the Arts. At the same time, the status of photography in the art world changed as major galleries in Canada began to collect and exhibit photographs as contemporary art.¹⁰⁰ Photographers embraced new forms of documentary photography as a means of conveying subjective experience and as a way to explore social issues.

Instead of publishing photographs in magazine photo-essays, the new documentary movement circulated photography as an art form. For instance, the socially engaged investigation of poverty and urban development in Saint John, New Brunswick (1966) by Ian MacEachern (b.1942) did not make the news but was published in *artscanada*.¹⁰¹

On the other hand, conceptual artists such as Serge Tousignant (b.1942), Bill Vazan (b.1933), and others embraced photography as they shifted away from the art object toward the expression of an idea. For the art collective N.E. Thing Co. (active 1966–78), the photograph was not a record of a moment in time but the product of careful planning, as well as a means to deconstruct colonial power relations and critique romantic ideals about landscape.

Vancouver was home to a burgeoning alternative art community in the 1960s, and it was within this context that the so-called Vancouver School of photo-conceptual art was founded. This informal circle of artists, which included Roy Arden (b.1957), Stan Douglas (b.1960), Ken Lum (b.1956), Jeff Wall (b.1946), Ian Wallace (b.1943), and others, connected over their methodology rather than a particular aesthetic. Influenced by post-structural theory, they developed a range of strategies, such as appropriation, juxtaposition, and cinematic tableau, to explore how representation generates meaning.

By 1989, photography encompassed a diverse range of image-making practices, from the commercial and the artistic to the vernacular. The next chapter of this history, from 1990 to the present, is beyond the scope of this book, as new technology, including the shift from analog to digital and the advent of the internet and social media, has completely transformed the way people communicate. In addition, intersections between photography and contemporary art have become more diverse and complex.




N.E. Thing Co., *Circular Walk Inside Arctic Circle Around Inuvik, N.W.T.*, 1969, gelatin silver print, ink, stamp, paper and foil seal, lithograph on paper, 45.5 x 60.9 cm, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.



Jeff Wall, *The Drain*, 1989, transparency in lightbox, 229 x 290 cm.

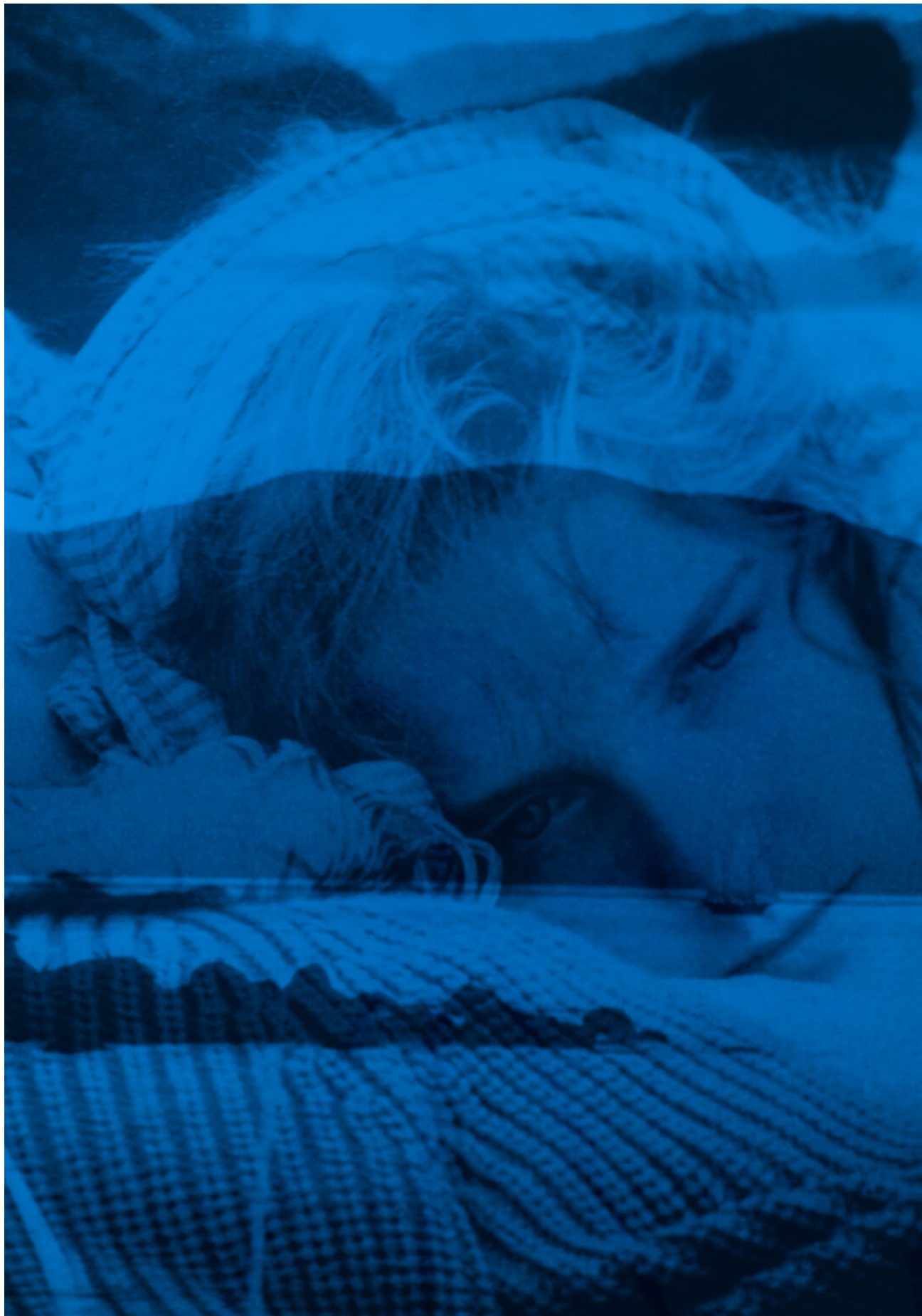
Over its first 150 years, as photography has permeated all aspects of life, it has inspired national myths, shaped interactions between people, and influenced patterns of migration and settlement. Photography has also created opportunities for shared experience and poetic expression. In Canada, photography has taken many forms and plays multiple roles, but at its richest and most fascinating, photography is a site of encounter and means of shaping our ideas about the world.



Key Photographers

Photography is tightly woven into the fabric of Canada's history from 1839 to 1989. Included among the key players are well-known photographers such as Alexander Henderson, who won awards for his beautiful Quebec landscapes, and Rosemary Gilliat Eaton, a photojournalist recognized for her sensitive portrayal of Indigenous communities in the North, as well as lesser-known figures such as C.D. Hoy, a portraitist with a focus on Chinese workers in British Columbia, and James Patrick Brady, a Métis photographer and political organizer. The work of these essential practitioners in the field of photography offers us the opportunity to understand the growth of Canada in an entirely different light.

Vikky Alexander (b.1959, Victoria, British Columbia)



Between Dreaming & Living #5, 1985

Print on Moab Lasal photo matte paper, tinted Plexiglas overlay, 91.4 x 66 cm

International Centre of Photography, New York

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Alexander is recognized for her insightful commentary on the allure of consumer culture. In *Between Dreaming & Living #5*, Vikky Alexander (b.1959) creates an ethereal atmosphere by sandwiching photographs of a fashion model between images of landscapes and overlaying them with a rich blue Plexiglas. She developed this innovative method during her early explorations of the glossy glamour of commodity culture. Known for a practice that was connected to both New York appropriation art and Vancouver photo-conceptualism, Alexander re-photographed advertisements from fashion magazines in the 1980s, cropping and enlarging her source material to consider how female beauty and sexuality are used to sell products. But her montages are less a rejection of consumerism than they are an exploration of advertising strategies.¹

Born in Victoria, Alexander studied at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and by the mid-1980s had begun exhibiting in New York. In her early work, responding to simulations of nature found in advertising, interior decoration, theme parks, and elsewhere, she examined the attraction to and alienation from nature in consumer society. In *Yosemite*, 1982, she considered the theme of artificial nature by juxtaposing an image of a fashion model wearing a fur-trimmed leather coat with a majestic view of the famous national park in California, sourced from a calendar. Drawing on the tripartite

structure often seen in Renaissance altarpieces, the work interrupts the sublime beauty of landscape imagery to show how luxury goods, beauty, and nature are transformed into commodities to inspire our devotion.²

Alexander's seminal work *Lake in the Woods*, 1986, is a corridor installation combining a photographic mural, mirror, and manufactured wood product to investigate how nature is summoned in architectural interiors. As viewers walk along the corridor, they see a wallpaper mural on one side and, on the other, wood laminate as well as reflections in the mirror. In recent years, Alexander has continued to explore the tension between nature and culture in her work, along with the lifestyle fantasies of consumerism and intersections between beauty and artifice. She is professor emerita at the University of Victoria.



Vikky Alexander, *Yosemite*, 1982, digital print on Moab slickrock metallic pearl acid-free paper mounted on dibond, 55.6 x 101 cm, RBC Art Collection, Toronto. © Vikky Alexander.

Jessie Tarbox Beals (1870, Hamilton, Ontario–1942, New York)



Self-portrait, World's Fair St. Louis, 1904

Gelatin silver print, 20.3 x 11.4 cm

New York Historical Society Museum and Library

With *Self-portrait*, *World's Fair St. Louis*, Jessie Tarbox Beals (1870–1942) reveals how she charmed and elbowed her way into places to capture candid images of major public events—from her spot at the top of the ladder, she is poised to photograph visiting dignitaries. Her path to this position was unusual: born in Hamilton, she trained as a schoolteacher before moving to the United States at age seventeen. Not surprisingly, she first developed an interest in photography as a tool of education, but after meeting American photographers Frances Benjamin Johnston (1864–1952) and Gertrude Käsebier (1852–1934), she recognized the professional possibilities of the medium and soon became an intrepid reporter.¹ By 1902, she had been hired by two Buffalo newspapers, likely making her the first woman in North America to work as a photojournalist, with her husband serving as her assistant and printer.

Over the next few years, her work was published in a wide variety of newspapers and magazines to great acclaim. In 1904, Beals was sent to cover the World's Fair in St. Louis. She was particularly drawn to the dehumanizing living exhibits of “exotic” peoples brought to be presented at the fair. Patagonians from South America and Pygmy peoples from Congo were set up in exhibits designed to emphasize American's progress, as well as to provide so-called entertainment for visitors. Beals sold several of her ethnographic portraits to newspapers and bundled them as sets and albums for purchase. Her curiosity about the world was an important part of her success, but, as photo historian Laura Wexler has argued, it is essential to recognize that her work was a form of violence against racial others.²

After the World's Fair, Beals's staff positions ended, and she turned to freelance work. But as the field of photojournalism became more professionalized, she found it harder to compete for work as a woman, and she set up her own studio in bohemian Greenwich Village, New York.³ Although Beals never returned to live in Canada, she participated in at least one Toronto Camera Club International Photo Exhibition, in 1921. She died destitute, but most of her negatives were rescued by photographer Alexander Alland (1902–1989), who bought them from her heirs and donated them to the New-York Historical Society.



LEFT: Jessie Tarbox Beals, *A Busy Corner in Greenwich Village, Will o' the Wisp Tea Room, Idee Chic (?), Aladdin Tea Room*, c.1905–40, gelatin silver print, 12.7 x 8.9 cm, New York Historical Society Museum and Library. RIGHT: Jessie Tarbox Beals, *Fifth Avenue at 25 Street (at dusk)*, 1906, acetate negative, 20.3 x 25.4 cm, Museum of the City of New York.

Claire Beaugrand-Champagne (b.1948, Duvernay, Quebec)



Duyen, Thien's mother, learns French at the COFI (Orientation and Training Center for Immigrants), 1980

From the Thien & Hung series, 1980-95

Gelatin silver print, 27.7 x 35.2 cm

In this joyous image, Claire Beaugrand-Champagne (b.1948) portrays a moment of levity and emotional connection between three women as they laugh and gesture together in French class. The photograph is from a larger project about Vietnamese immigration to Montreal, and in many respects it is an exemplar of her practice. As a documentary photographer with a penchant for long-term projects, Beaugrand-Champagne is skillful at capturing revealing details and a sense of personality in her subjects.

Born in Duvernay, Quebec, Beaugrand-Champagne moved to Montreal in the late 1960s to attend CEGEP. One of the founders of *OVO Photo* magazine in the early 1970s,¹ Beaugrand-Champagne also joined Groupe d'action photographique (GAP), a collective of socially engaged documentary photographers, soon after its inception in 1972. She also worked as a press photographer, one of few women to do so in 1970s Quebec. With fellow GAP members, including Michel Campeau, she worked on the series *Disraeli*, une

expérience humaine en photographie, 1972–1974, a project documenting everyday life in rural Quebec.²

Beaugrand-Champagne develops her projects over time and in dialogue with the communities and people featured in her work. In *Thien & Hung*, 1980–95, a series created over a fifteen-year period, her deep commitment to her subjects over the longer time frame allows her to document both the familiar images of refugee experience, such as airport arrivals, but also less familiar but resonant scenes from life in a new place. Beaugrand-Champagne's study of the refugee experience in Canada followed her series on international refugee camps, *Les Camps de Réfugiés*, 1980, and a multi-year project on the lives of elderly people in the mid-1970s. By developing a deep understanding of her subjects rather than searching for a single summary image, Beaugrand-Champagne makes a substantive contribution to social issues.



Claire Beaugrand-Champagne, *Ti-Noir Lajeunesse, the blind fiddler, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Disraeli*, 1972, gelatin silver print, 10.2 x 17.2 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.

Roloff (Wilfred Roy) Beny (1924, Medicine Hat, Alberta–1984, Rome)



Birds in Flight, Straits of Juan de Fuca, 1965

Gelatin silver print, 27.3 x 34.3 cm

CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

With *Birds in Flight, Straits of Juan de Fuca*, Roloff Beny (1924–1984) offers an unabashedly aesthetic and romantic view of the Canadian wilderness, depicting a dozen abstracted white and black shapes, barely visible as soaring birds, that fill the expanse of open sky above a long line of mountaintops. The intentionally iconic image became part of an important national moment during the centennial celebrations of 1967 when it appeared in the book *To Everything There Is a Season: Roloff Beny in Canada*. The federal government selected this collection of Beny's views of the nation as the official gift for the heads of state who visited Canada as the country commemorated one hundred years since Confederation.

Raised in Alberta, Beny moved east to study art at the University of Toronto, where he replaced Wilfred, his given name, with Roloff, his mother's maiden

name. He found early success as an abstract artist before shifting to photography. Drawn to the history and cultural vibrancy of postwar Europe, Beny moved to Rome in 1957 and befriended luminaries like Peggy Guggenheim and Federico Fellini. His first books in the 1950s and early 1960s focused on the architecture, art, and ruins of the classical Mediterranean and were published using the rotogravure printing process, which rendered rich, deep shades of black and white.¹



LEFT: Roloff Beny, *Columbia Ice Field, Alberta*, 1965, gelatin silver print, 30 x 39.9 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Roloff Beny, *Twilight in a village in Rajasthan*, 1963/68, colour transparency tri-pack, 5.7 x 5.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

He became well known for his glamorous portraits and dramatic landscapes, and the romantic, idealized vision he created in his highly manipulated photographs endeared him to a disparate array of national leaders. Not only was Beny's work showcased for the Canadian centennial, but India marked the hundredth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth in 1969 with a book of the artist's photographs titled *India*.² Beny undertook numerous commissions for major magazines and published fifteen books in his lifetime.³

James Patrick Brady (1908, St. Paul des Métis, Alberta–1967, Northern Saskatchewan)



The Trottier Family at Fishing Lake, Alberta, 1936

Gelatin silver print

Glenbow Museum, Calgary

Métis photographer, political organizer, and activist James Patrick Brady (1908–1967) portrayed the Trottier family at a pivotal moment, when changes to hunting and land-use regulations threatened the livelihood of their community in the Fishing Lake region of Alberta. The family resisted the provincial government's decision to open the area for colonial settlement by refusing to relocate, and Métis artist and scholar Shelley Farrell Racette describes the 1936 photograph of the Trottiers as marking a Métis political resurgence.¹

Born near St. Paul des Métis, Alberta, Brady had deep family ties to Métis activism. His maternal grandfather, Laurent Garneau, was friends with Métis leader Louis Riel and participated in the resistance movement in 1885. Brady himself became an important figure in socialist politics and the struggle for Métis self-determination, and his photographic work was an extension of his political advocacy, as well as an expression of Métis values.² For instance, in his photograph of Abraham Plante, the trapper is shown with his dog and rifle

outside a log cabin. Brady recognized self-sufficiency as an important aspect of Métis masculinity associated with outdoor life.³



LEFT: James Brady, *Malcolm Norris Hanging Nets*, 1934, gelatin silver print, Glenbow Museum, Calgary. RIGHT: James Brady, *Outdoor portrait of Veronique Goulet, née Carriere, Cumberland House*, 1949, gelatin silver print, Glenbow Museum, Calgary.

A notable body of work by Brady is from the northeast Saskatchewan settlement Cumberland House, a predominantly Cree-speaking Métis community where he worked for the province's Department of Natural Resources. As an outsider to the community, Brady was initially treated with suspicion, but he used photography to break down barriers and connect with people. Between 1948 and 1951, he produced a series of portraits of all the adults and many of the children in Cumberland House. Like much of Brady's work, the full-length portraits portray the people as proud, independent, and committed to their community.⁴ For Brady, photography was both a personal pastime and a professional and political tool of resistance against settler colonialism.

Edward Burtynsky (b.1955, St. Catharines, Ontario)



Railcuts #8 (Red hill, C.N. train) C.N. Track, Thompson River, British Columbia, 1985
Chromogenic print, 48.3 x 59.7 cm

With *Railcuts #8 (Red hill, C.N. Train) C.N. Track, Thompson River, British Columbia*, Edward Burtynsky (b.1955) reveals how railways—a conspicuous symbol of industrialization and Canadian nation-building—have disturbed the land. Although tiny, the bright blue and red rail cars draw the eye to a track cut into the mountainous terrain and engage viewers through the disorienting scale. Burtynsky is known for his sustained investigation into the human-altered landscape, and his work is characterized by the way it shines a light on environmental concerns while simultaneously making human intrusions sublimely beautiful.

Born in St. Catharines and based in Toronto, Burtynsky is the founder and director of the successful commercial photo lab Toronto Image Works. In his early work from the late 1970s and early 1980s, Burtynsky was interested in intersections between painting and photography, and his dense compositions

in photographs like *Grasses, Bruce Peninsula, Ontario, Canada*, 1981, reference the visual rhythms of abstract expressionism.

In the series *Homesteads*, Burtynsky began to explore human interactions with the land by portraying aerial views of rural settings, such as in *Homesteads #32, West of Merritt, British Columbia*, 1985. His work responds to nineteenth-century Romanticism and its evocation of the sublime, but instead of emphasizing the grandeur of nature, he draws attention to the impact humans have had on the environment.¹

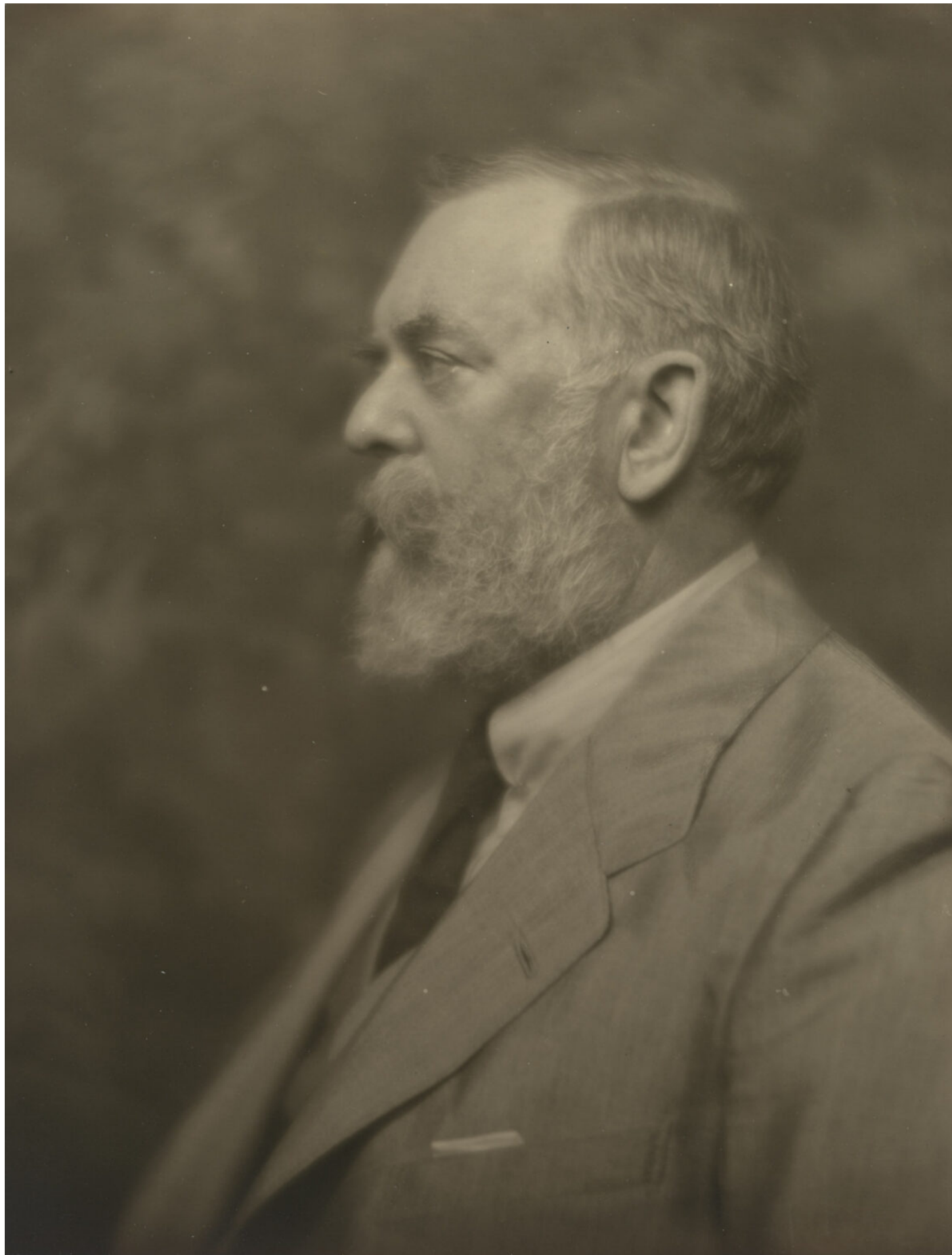


LEFT: Edward Burtynsky, *Homesteads #32, West of Merritt, British Columbia*, 1985, chromogenic print, 45.6 x 55.7 cm. RIGHT: Edward Burtynsky, *Inco, Abandoned Mine Shaft, Crean Hill Mine, Sudbury, Ontario*, 1984, printed 1992, dye-coupler print (Ektacolor), 76.1 x 101.4 cm; image: 68.1 x 86.5 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Whereas other North American photographers, such as Robert Adams (b.1937) and Lewis Baltz (1945–2014), adopted a detached approach to landscape as they reflected on the impact of industrial culture in their photographs, Burtynsky emphasizes aesthetics and provokes viewers with striking scenes of damaged landscapes. In the mid-1980s, he photographed abandoned mines, producing large-scale, richly coloured, and highly detailed images, as in *Inco, Abandoned Mine Shaft, Crean Hill Mine, Sudbury, Ontario*, 1984.

During his investigation of the Anthropocene era over the past several decades, Burtynsky has continued to produce visually compelling scenes of an environment ravaged by the harmful practices of industrial culture, including mine tailings, marble quarries, and oil fields, among others. Burtynsky has earned international acclaim and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts.

Sidney Carter (1880, Toronto–1956, Montreal)



John Singer Sargent, 1920

Gelatin silver print, 21.6 x 16.5 cm

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

Softly rendered in sepia tones, this portrait of John Singer Sargent (1856–1925) by Sidney Carter (1880–1956) captures the painter famous for his bold, colourful portraits in profile. Carter's homage to Sargent is fitting because he contributed to the Pictorialist movement, which sought to have photography celebrated as an art form. As both a photographer and an organizer of exhibitions, Carter tried to make connections between Canadian art and photography and international movements and leading figures. The photograph is a pivotal one in Carter's career: it was exhibited at the London Salon in 1921 and published in *Vanity Fair* in 1924.

Born in Toronto, Carter began his career in the Toronto Camera Club and was the first Canadian member (1902) of the New York-based Photo-Secession, founded by Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946).¹ Both Carter and Stieglitz focused on creating an audience for photographic art by exhibiting and selling Pictorialist work, and the two artists corresponded for many years.² Like Stieglitz and other Pictorialists, Carter favoured the platinum process (platinotype) for aesthetic reasons; this method produced a wider range of tones, as can be seen in *Phryné*, 1914.



LEFT: Sidney Carter, *Phryné*, 1914, photograph, 21 x 16 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Sidney Carter, *The Sisters*, c.1906, photograph, 26.5 x 21.2 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



In 1906, with the financial help of fellow Pictorialist Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872–1970), who was also a mining engineer and art critic, Carter opened a portrait studio and later an art gallery in Montreal. The following year he mounted an international exhibition of photography in the galleries of the Art Association of Montreal, with the desire to promote Pictorialism as well as his own work. However, his partnership with Lamb did not last long and Carter was compelled to take an office job with Canadian Pacific Railway, which was followed by work in the prominent Montreal art gallery William Scott & Sons in 1909.

In 1910, the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy (later the Albright-Knox Art Gallery) included two of Carter's portraits in a major international exhibition of art photography featuring photographers from Europe and North America.³ By then Carter was known for photographs like *The Sisters*, c.1906, and would continue to explore Pictorialist portraiture. In the ensuing years Carter opened another gallery and remained active in the Montreal arts scene, although he only exhibited sporadically.

Lynne Cohen (1944, Racine, Wisconsin–2014, Montreal)



Government Employment Office, Ottawa, Ontario, 1977

Gelatin silver print, 38 x 38 cm; image: 19.5 x 24.4 cm

CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

Over the course of her artistic career, Lynne Cohen (1944–2014) developed an international reputation for her striking black and white photographs of interior spaces stripped of human presence. A stark example of that approach, *Government Employment Office, Ottawa, Ontario* renders its subject like a minimalist theatre set. This work is part of one of her most important projects, a series titled *Occupied Territory*, which Cohen worked on from 1973 until about 1989. With clinical accuracy and flat lighting, she photographed living rooms, swimming pools, and less-frequently-seen interiors, such as laboratories and offices, inviting viewers to look at these spaces anew and consider how they shape us.

Originally from Wisconsin, Cohen spent a year at the Slade School of Art in London and earned her MFA from Eastern Michigan University, working mostly

in sculpture and printmaking before turning to photography in 1971. A year after arriving in Canada, Cohen began to teach photography at the University of Ottawa, a post she held from 1974 until 2005.



LEFT: Lynne Cohen, *"Hair Haven" Beauty Salon, Watertown, New York, 1974*, gelatin silver print, 35.3 x 43 cm; image: 19.1 x 24.4 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Lynne Cohen, *Living Room, Racine Wisconsin, 1971–72*, gelatin silver print, 11.8 x 16.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

The series *Occupied Territory* was published as a monograph in 1987 by New York-based photography journal *Aperture* with a foreword by musician David Byrne, a founding member of the rock band Talking Heads, and an essay that analyzes the subtle humour of Cohen's photographs.¹ Although this concerted study of spaces remained consistent through Cohen's career, she later began to work in colour and to increase the scale of her photographs as her focus shifted more toward military installations, spas, and educational spaces.²

Carole Condé (b.1940, Hamilton, Ontario) and Karl Beveridge (b.1945, Ottawa)



***Art is Political*, 1975**

Nine-part black and white photo series

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In a panel from a black and white photo series by Carole Condé (b.1940) and Karl Beveridge (b.1945), a man and woman are theatrically lit from above and captured while dancing with abandon. Not until the panel is shown in the context of eight others in the series do you see that the white stripe above the man's body is the letter *I* and that the panels together spell out "ART IS POLITICAL," an apt summary of Condé and Beveridge's entire oeuvre. The two artists, who have been working together since 1969, have played a pivotal role in developing socially engaged photography in Canada.

Both originally from Ontario, Condé and Beveridge were based in New York from 1969 to 1977, and there they engaged in the emerging Conceptual art movement and political activism. This collision of interests resulted in the artists mashing up these two commitments together in unexpected ways.¹ Their collaborative exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario, *It's Still Privileged Art*, 1976, critiqued the commercial and ideological structure of the mainstream art world by documenting its impact on their own lives in a series of banners and silkscreens, and in a book featuring cartoons.

The pair moved back to Toronto in 1977 and have worked in partnership since then. Their collaborative process extends to working with unions and community groups to create carefully staged images that explore labour issues, gender inequality, imperialism, social justice, and, more recently, environmental crises. To create their work, they conduct oral history interviews with community members, explore archives, and use the memories and historical details they uncover to re-enact scenarios for the camera.² For *Oshawa, A History of Local 222, United Steel Workers of Canada*, 1982–84, for instance, Condé and Beveridge visualized forgotten moments in the history of women's work at the General Motors plant.

Although the duo now employ digital tools, their early work mined the political potential of studio photography. Actors were invited into their studio space, on the top floor of their Toronto home, and collaborated with the artists to produce elaborate *tableaux vivants* with built sets, costumes, and other historical details. The resulting large-scale photographs often include integrated text or accompanying text panels to provide additional context—here the panels tell the stories of the women represented and the impact of their labour activism on their lives at home and work.³

Condé and Beveridge have also been key figures in the effort to create and maintain artist-run centres, such as the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre in Hamilton, Ontario, and they have worked with artists' unions to secure copyright and compensation for artists in Canada.



Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge, detail from *Oshawa, A History of Local 222, United Auto Workers, CLC (Part II) 1938-1945, 1982-83*, azo dye print (Cibachrome), 39.8 x 50.4 cm, various collections. © Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

Evergon (b.1946, Niagara Falls, Ontario)



Broken Egg Collection, 1979

Electrostatic print with electrostatic print overlay, 35.6 x 21.7 cm

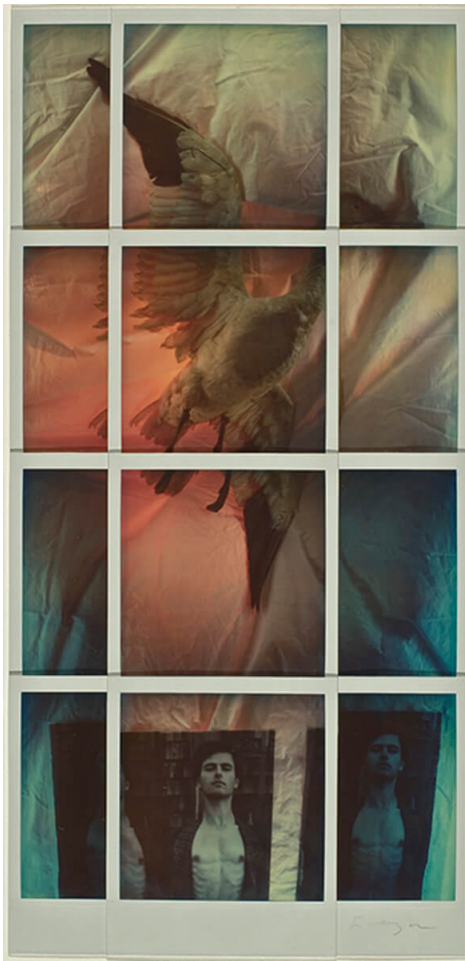
CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

A Montreal-based artist, Evergon (born “Albert Lunt” and since a.k.a. Celluloso Evergonni, Eve R. Gonzales, Egon Brut) has explored gay culture, sexuality, and the body. In *Broken Egg Collection*, he has created an upside-down self-portrait that nestles below a photograph of a bare-chested former lover. The two images are collaged so they appear linked by the white fabric that flows from one image into the other. Evergon surrounds the two black and white figures with photocopied image fragments to evoke rather than explain memories of the relationship.¹ This work is representative of his oeuvre, one that is pivotal in the history of queer art in Canada.

Evergon grew up in Niagara Falls, and he first learned to photograph using an old camera while studying at the Rochester Institute of Technology.² Throughout his career he has experimented with various techniques and technologies, mostly involving the hand of the artist, including cyanotype, gum bichromate, photo collages, holograms, and xerography, to create a queer historical record and visual language. He has become well known for his hands-on, technical approach.

In the 1980s, Evergon turned to Polaroid for its flexibility and instantaneous prints, often collected together as a fragmented grid of a single scene, such as in *Duck over Pierre*, 1982. Later, he became known for large-scale prints in which he recreated dramatic historical paintings, incorporating his own likeness. In *Le Pantin*, 1985, he operates the puppet strings. These mural-size works also employed Polaroid technology, but they required the use of a specialized large-scale camera maintained by the manufacturer in Boston. Some of Evergon’s lush theatrical colour photographs reference specific paintings, such as *Re-enactment of Goya’s Flight of the Witches, ca 1797–98*, 1986, while others take up tropes from the work of figures like Baroque painter Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571–1610).

Evergon’s work has been widely exhibited in Canada and internationally, with the support of the Polaroid Corporation, the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Cartier Foundation for Contemporary Art, among others. He taught photography at the University of Ottawa and has been at Concordia University since 1999.



LEFT: Evergon, *Duck over Pierre*, 1982, twelve instant dye prints (Polaroid SX-70), 55.8 x 40.6 cm; image: 36.5 x 17.8 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.
RIGHT: Evergon, *Le Pantin*, 1985, instant dye print (Polaroid), 244.1 x 113.1 cm; image: 241.3 x 110.5 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



Evergon, *Re-enactment of Goya's Flight of the Witches*, ca 1797-98, 1986, polaroid on paper, (a) panel: 244 x 108.5 cm; (b) panel: 244 x 108.5 cm; (c) panel: 244 x 108.5 cm; (d) panel: 201.9 x 103.3 cm, Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Rosemary Gilliat Eaton (1919, Hove, England–2004, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia)



Inuit Children Playing 'Leap frog,' Qikiqtaaluk Region, Nunavut, c.1962
Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society

One of thousands of photographs that Rosemary Gilliat Eaton (1919–2004) took as a photojournalist, this image of Inuit boys playing leapfrog has taken on particular significance in recent years thanks to the work of Plains Cree writer and curator Paul Seesequasis. After his mother testified at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, she encouraged Seesequasis to search for photographs that represented the strength of Indigenous communities and the joys of daily life. Seesequasis came across the leapfrog photograph in that search and was particularly struck by how the low and close vantage point of the composition captures the boy's sense of lightness and delight in his acrobatics. Seesequasis's appreciation of Gilliat Eaton's "sensitive lens" ensured that her work was prominently featured in a collection of photographs he compiled, exhibited, and published, drawing new attention to her career and her remarkable achievements in mid-century documentary photography.¹

Raised largely on her family's tea plantation in Sri Lanka, Gilliat Eaton attended boarding school in Switzerland. She pursued professional photography in London, where she apprenticed with British photographer Bill Brandt (1904–1983) while freelancing for newspapers and book publishers. In 1952, she immigrated to Canada on her own, an unusual choice for a single woman at the time.



LEFT: Rosemary Gilliat Eaton, *Terry Ryan, Sheouak Petaulassie with a child, and a woman at West Baffin Co-operative, Kinngait, Nunavut*, c.1956–60, black and white negative, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Rosemary Gilliat Eaton, *Inuk woman, Annie Jonas, carrying a baby, Joseph Jonas, on her back, Kuujuaq, Quebec*, c.June–September 1960, colour slide, 6 x 6 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Once she had settled in Ottawa, Gilliat Eaton sought assignments that enabled her to travel and document the geographic and social diversity of the country, with a particular focus on the North.² She illustrated stories for *Maclean's*, *Star Weekly*, and *Canadian Geographic*, but it was *The Beaver* magazine (now *Canada's History*) and the National Film Board that supported most of her Northern work.³ She took numerous photographs of people she met in the North, including images of artists working in Kinngait (Cape Dorset). Gilliat Eaton's working method was unhurried and she sought subjects who were willing to engage with her in building connection and trust.

Although best known for her photojournalism, Eaton also produced remarkable photographs of a cross-country car-camping trip she took with three friends in 1954 and contributed photographs to conservation efforts in Gatineau Park in Quebec, where she spent weekends for a decade—the striking close-up of Dorothy Stotesbury and a chickadee, c.1958, was taken in the area.⁴ Gilliat Eaton largely set aside her freelance work when she settled in Nova Scotia in 1965. While living in Cole Harbour she became deeply involved in efforts to protect the local saltmarsh and farmland and began researching and writing about the local environment as well as photographing local family albums to build up a historical record of the community.



LEFT: *Three young women wearing knitted sweaters seated on a bench in the snow. Rosemary Gilliat Eaton in the middle. Shilly Shally Lodge, Gatineau Park, 1965, photographer unknown, colour slide, 35mm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.* RIGHT: *Rosemary Gilliat Eaton, Close-up portrait of a chickadee taking a sunflower seed from Dorothy Stotesbury's mouth. Shilly Shally Lodge, Gatineau Park, c.1958, colour slide, 35mm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.*

William Arthur Scott Goss (1881, London, Ontario–1940, Toronto)



Bloor Street Viaduct, Deck Looking West, July 18, 1917

Gelatin silver print, 13 x 18 cm

City of Toronto Archives

Arthur Goss (1881–1940) is best known as the City of Toronto's first official photographer. His depiction of the construction of the Bloor Street viaduct, a political and engineering achievement that connected the east side of the Don Valley to the downtown core, deftly captures the monumental concrete and steel bridge that would become a symbol of the city's modernization. By producing photographs that were used as evidence, both of perceived problems and of the improvements that were meant to remedy them, he participated in the liberal reform of twentieth-century Toronto. Goss worked right up to his death in 1940 and made a critical contribution to the bureaucratic use of photography in Canada.¹

Goss and his family moved to Toronto from London, Ontario, in 1883. He worked in the city engineer's office until 1911, when he was promoted to the newly created position of city photographer. In this capacity, Goss photographed many aspects of Toronto for a range of municipal departments. For the Works Department, he photographed infrastructure, including road

upgrades and the elimination of level crossings for railways, along with the new motorized trucks used for road maintenance, such as in the *Gasoline Motor Flusher*, 1922. For the Health Department, he assisted Medical Health Officer Dr. Charles Hastings with his investigation of overcrowding and unsanitary conditions, and images such as *Rear, 81 Elizabeth Street*, 1913, helped Dr. Hastings elicit support from the public and local politicians to demand government intervention. He also photographed health and education initiatives, such as visiting nurses and well-baby clinics, as seen in *Woman's Dispensary, 18 Seaton Street–Baby Clinic*, 1914.



LEFT: Arthur Goss, *Gasoline Motor Flusher*, 1922, gelatin silver print, 13 x 18 cm, City of Toronto Archives. RIGHT: Arthur Goss, *Woman's Dispensary, 18 Seaton Street–Baby Clinic*, September 16, 1914, gelatin silver print, 13 x 18 cm, City of Toronto Archives.

Goss's photographs were frequently used in government reports, and some were published in the press. Others were used internally to identify problems and to track progress, or to report on new methods for carrying out a department's work. A skilled and prolific photographer, Goss helped to make photography an essential resource in government operations.

He also contributed to artistic photography through his participation in Canada's Pictorialist movement. He began exhibiting his artistic photographs in 1902 and won several awards. He was an admirer of Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946), the well-known founder of the New York-based Photo-Secession and a key figure in American modernism. Goss explored typical Pictorialist subject matter such as portraits, genre scenes, and landscapes, and he experimented with the movement's characteristic soft-focus style in works such as *Child and Nurse*, 1906.

Goss also tried to build a network of art photographers across the country by organizing exhibitions of pictorial photography in Toronto in 1919–20, and he contributed to the local arts community through his memberships in the Toronto Camera Club and in the Arts and Letters Club. He hoped that Canadian photographers would follow the example set by the Group of Seven painters and define a uniquely Canadian style in photography. His level of ambition, both for Pictorialism in Canada and for his own diverse exploration of photography, sets Goss apart from many of his contemporaries.²

Angela Grauerholz (b.1952, Hamburg, Germany)



Crowd, 1988

Azo dye print, 122 x 162.5 cm

Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal

Angela Grauerholz (b.1952) creates artwork that invites viewers to speculate. In *Crowd*, a group of people stand around, some with hands in their pockets, many with their backs turned, a few in motion. Instead of showing what the crowd is doing and where they are, her photograph provokes questions about subjective experience, the unconscious, and memory. Grauerholz is known for her skillful exploration of formal elements such as focus and framing to evoke the passage of time and the enigmatic nature of memory.

The German-born Grauerholz has been based in Montreal since 1976. She is a graphic designer and artist, and in 1980 she co-founded Artexte, a centre for information about contemporary Canadian visual art. In 1984–85, inspired by her interest in women's participation in the arts in Canada, Grauerholz made a portfolio depicting sixteen women including art historian and curator Jean Blodgett, and film producer and director Monica Haim. These intimate portrayals show the women glancing away or in moments of reflection. Their close-up vantage point and blurry resolution convey impressions of the sitters, rather than the more conventionally posed renderings found in more formal portraiture.¹ These photographs emerge from personal interactions between

the subjects and photographer and offer glimpses of some of the thoughtful, talented women who were transforming the arts at this time.

In her work from the late 1980s, Grauerholz explores unconscious experience and time through photographing people and spaces for waiting, as seen in works such as *Sofa*, 1988, and *Harrison*, 1989, which shows people on a train station platform.² Grauerholz has often preferred to make a series of images over a single photograph, and she worked with the serial format to explore collections and archives in her work during the 1990s and 2000s. She received the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts in 2014 and the Scotiabank Photography Award in 2015. Grauerholz is professor emeritus at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), where she taught design and photography from 1988 to 2017.



LEFT: Angela Grauerholz, *Jean Blodgett*, 1984, printed 1990, gelatin silver print, 144.3 x 102 cm; image: approx. 91 x 90.5 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Angela Grauerholz, *Monica Haim*, 1984, printed 1990, gelatin silver print, 144.3 x 102 cm; image: approx. 91 x 90.5 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



LEFT: Angela Grauerholz, *Harrison*, 1989, Cibachrome print, 124.4 x 167.6 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto. RIGHT: Angela Grauerholz, *Sofa*, 1988, azo dye print, 122 x 162.5 cm, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal.

Mattie Gunterman (b. Ida Madeline Warner, 1872, La Crosse, Wisconsin–1945, Beaton, British Columbia)



Women in rafters and man with brooms, 1902
Vancouver Public Library

Women in rafters and man with brooms by Mattie Gunterman (1872–1945) suggests domestic labour gone awry and presents an unusual, humorous portrayal of early settler life in the West. Born Ida Madeline Warner, Gunterman first learned photography from her uncle at his studio in the small logging town of La Crosse, Wisconsin. As a teenager, she set off for Seattle, where she found work as a cleaner and met her husband, Will Gunterman, a candymaker from a large working-class family. By 1897, she had acquired a simple box camera and began to take playful, often staged, pictures of her family, travels, and daily life.¹ The following year, the Guntermans set off on foot for the Kootenay area of British Columbia, where they settled permanently, working as cooks in mining camps and raising their young son. Gunterman seems to have taken her camera everywhere she went, providing an enthusiastic and unusual chronicle of settler and camp life.

Soon after her arrival in Canada, Gunterman significantly upgraded her camera to a new Kodak 4 x 5 model that could take pictures on either glass plates or celluloid film, both of which she developed in a makeshift darkroom in their cabin. About half of Gunterman's surviving photographs are self-portraits (like *Mattie Gunterman posed by a tree stump*, 1899) or include her (as in *Mattie on hot stove*, 1902), and were made possible by deploying a foot-operated shutter release cable she had fashioned.²



LEFT: Mattie Gunterman, *Mattie on hot stove*, 1902, Vancouver Public Library. RIGHT: Mattie Gunterman, *Mattie Gunterman posed by a tree stump*, 1899, Vancouver Public Library.

The sorts of romantic images of Western landscapes created by many other photographers during this period are few and far between in Gunterman's unique record. A fire in her home destroyed many of her photographs, but not the three hundred glass plate negatives put away in the darkroom shed. These were then stored in her son's attic until 1961. When the building of a new dam threatened to flood dozens of small mining towns, an archivist travelled from Vancouver hoping to salvage any remaining historical records, and locals directed him to Gunterman's attic.³ As a result, the Mattie Gunterman Collection was saved and is now housed at the Vancouver Public Library.⁴

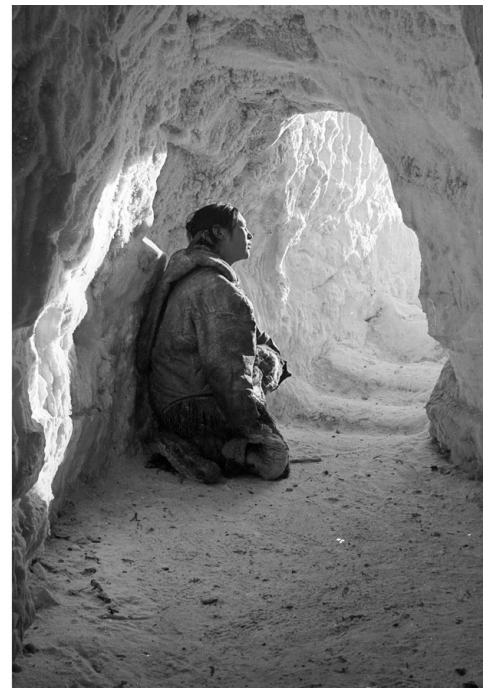
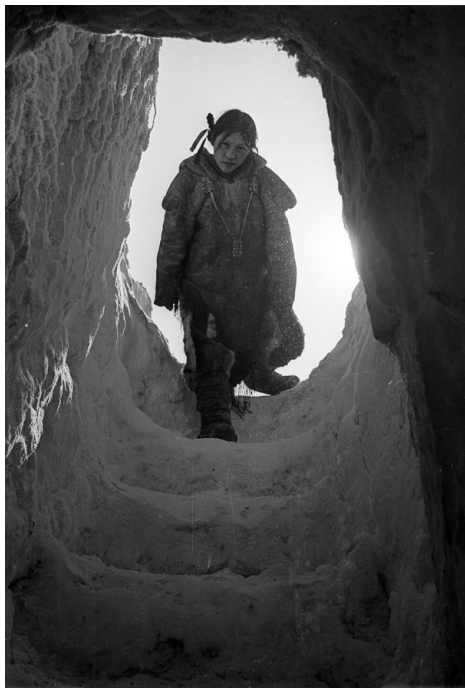
Richard Harrington (1911, Hamburg, Germany–2005, Toronto)



*Padluk with one of her four children at Pipkahnak's camp southwest of Padlei, N.W.T.,
c. February 1950
Gelatin silver print
Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa*

Padluk with one of her four children at Pipkaknak's camp southwest of Padlei, N.W.T. is one of the most famous photographs taken by Richard Harrington (1911–2005). The photographer is best known for his work in the Canadian Arctic, particularly the series taken in Padlei, a former community in what is now known as the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut. This poignant image of an Inuit mother and child nose to nose was one of three Padlei images that MoMA curator Edward Steichen (1879–1973) chose for his iconic travelling exhibition *The Family of Man*, 1955.¹ Harrington would go on to take photographs around the world, but it is his photographs of Inuit that have earned him the most attention.

Harrington immigrated to Toronto from Germany as a teenager. He began work as an X-ray technician before turning to freelance photography to take assignments that followed Canadians abroad and around Canada. He was on assignment for *LIFE* magazine in 1950 when he learned that the people of Padlei were starving after a change in caribou migrations left them without their main source of food. In 1952, Harrington published an illustrated account of his travels in different Arctic communities. He sought to publicize the situations he observed and close-cropped his subjects to show their hunger and suffering. The American publication received a glowing review in the *New York Times*; however, the photographs were arguably more successful as aesthetic and affective images than as political tools.²



LEFT: Richard Harrington, *Helen Konek*, c.1949–50, photograph, black and white negative, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Richard Harrington, *Helen Konek*, c.1949–50, photograph, black and white negative, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Harrington was awarded the Order of Canada for his work in 2001, the same year his Northern photographs found new life as part of a Library and Archives Canada initiative called "Project Naming." The project started with 500 of Harrington's photographs that were taken in the communities of Igloodik (Igloodik), Kugluktuk (formerly Coppermine), Taloyoak (formerly Spence Bay), and Padlei. Inuit youth took digital copies to those communities and worked with Elders to identify three quarters of Harrington's subjects.³

In 2019, Inuit journalist Jordan Konek posted Harrington's photograph of Konek's grandmother at age seventeen descending the steep stairs of her family igloo near Arviat. The dramatically backlit image quickly went viral, prompting a series of articles and interviews. As Paul Seesequasis did with his photo archive project starting in 2017, Konek wanted to share historical images that testify to the strength, joy, and historical presence of Inuit. Although Konek's



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grandmother was pleased that the image struck a chord, she recalled that Harrington “followed me everywhere I went... everywhere I went he was right there” taking photos.⁴

Hayashi Studio (1911–1935, Cumberland, British Columbia)



Kiyoshi Shirimoto and his dog, date unknown
Digital print and scan from glass plate negative
Cumberland Museum and Archive

In this portrait created by the Hayashi Studio (1911–1935), a dapper young Kiyoshi Shirimoto sits confidently and comfortably with his dog nearby in its own wicker chair. It is a striking example of work by a studio that catered to mostly Japanese Canadian clients, who usually presented themselves in Western dress for elegant, technically accomplished portraits that they could send to family in Japan and save as family keepsakes. The studio's archive offers rare insights into an early Japanese Canadian community as well as glimpses of the Chinese and Black communities living in Cumberland on Vancouver Island, the mining industry, and daily life in coastal British Columbia.

Senjiro Hayashi (1880–1935) was a Japanese-born photographer who immigrated to Canada in 1903 and apprenticed with Shuzo Fujiwara in Vancouver before moving to Cumberland, where he joined more than a hundred Japanese miners and their families who had lived and worked there since the early 1890s.¹ Hayashi established his studio in Cumberland in 1912.² Another photographer, today known only as Mr. Kitamura, took over the operation in 1919, and then Hayashi's apprentice, Tokitaro Matsubushi, operated the business from 1923 to 1942.³



LEFT: Hayashi Studio, *Japanese woman holding deer head*, before 1929, digital print taken from glass plate negative, Cumberland Museum and Archives. RIGHT: Hayashi/Matsubushi/Kitamura Studio, *Memorial Service for Japanese Canadian Servicemen Killed in World War I*, date unknown, digital print and scan from glass plate negative, Cumberland Museum and Archives.

In addition to portraits, the studio provided photographic services off-site and served residents and visitors to Cumberland from outside the Japanese community. It closed temporarily during the 1930s before receiving a government commission to produce identification photographs for local Japanese Canadian residents during the Second World War. The studio closed permanently shortly before the government's internment of Japanese Canadians in 1942. At that time, the government forced Japanese Canadians who were interned to leave behind all but a handful of possessions. This confiscated property was mostly destroyed, and when Japanese Canadians were released at the end of the war, many were pushed to settle farther east in Canada. However, the Hayashi Studio's remarkable archive has been preserved by the Cumberland Museum and Archives.

Alexander Henderson (1831, Edinburgh, Scotland–1913, Montreal)



Spring inundation on Saint Lawrence River near Montreal, Quebec, c.1865

Albumen print, 11.5 x 18.3 cm

Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

In *Spring inundation on Saint Lawrence River near Montreal, Quebec*, a rower and his passengers rest peacefully in a boat on a glassy body of water surrounded by soaring trees above and their reflections on the surface below. Behind them, the rough open water emphasizes their serene moment. The romantic charm and visual dynamism of this image demonstrates why landscapes by Alexander Henderson (1831–1913) were among the most popular and admired in nineteenth-century Canada.

Born in Scotland to a wealthy mercantile family, Henderson spent much of his youth at his family's rural estate when he was not attending a series of prestigious schools and training to be an accountant. There is no record of his early photographic training, but one of his uncles was an amateur painter, and another sent him to visit the 1851 Great Exhibition in London that included extensive displays in photography.¹ Arriving in Montreal in 1855 with his wife soon after their marriage, Henderson seems to have worked intermittently as a commission merchant while learning photography.²

During his first years in Canada, Henderson joined several international photographic exchange societies, experimented with paper negatives, and, in

1865, published a remarkable book of artistic and technically adept landscape photographs titled *Photographic Views and Studies of Canadian Scenery*.³ *Spring inundation* was one of the photographs Henderson included in the well-received publication. The following year he set up a photographic studio, offering portraits as well as landscapes at first, but he soon shifted away from portraiture.



LEFT: Alexander Henderson, *Quebec from Point Levy*, after 1865, albumen silver print, 17.1 x 22.2 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Alexander Henderson, *Ice Cone, Montmorency Falls*, 1876, albumen print, 25.5 x 32.9 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Travelling by any means necessary to capture images, Henderson explored the Quebec rivers by birchbark canoe and cruised the Maritimes on his friend John Molson's yacht. The resulting banks of photographs were sold to advertisers and enabled Henderson to supply stock pictures to studios; distinctive landscapes such as *Quebec from Point Levy*, after 1865, and *Ice Cone, Montmorency Falls*, 1876, were popular. He often collaborated with his friend William Notman (1826–1891), with whom he helped establish the Art Association of Montreal in 1860. Henderson exhibited widely in Canada and internationally, winning awards for his photographs and raising his profile.⁴ In the 1870s and 1880s, he received various commissions to photograph the construction of bridges and railways stretching from the east to the west coasts, where he also made landscape views.

Late in life, Henderson accepted a position to set up the photographic department for the Canadian Pacific Railway and served as the inaugural president of the Montreal Camera Club in 1889. However, he did not discuss photographic activities in his frequent letters from the late 1890s until his death.⁵ Henderson's turn away from the medium was underscored by his family, who made no mention of his work as a photographer in his obituaries and threw away his collection of glass negatives. The McCord Museum in Montreal now holds a comprehensive collection of Henderson's work and significant collections of his prints are held in museums in Canada and internationally, a reflection of how widely his work circulated in exhibitions and private collections during his lifetime.⁶

Ulrich (Fred) Herzog (1930, Bad Friedrichshall, Germany–2019, Vancouver)



Boys on Shed, 1962, printed 2008
Inkjet print, 71.1 x 96.6 cm; image: 50.9 x 72.7 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

With *Boys on Shed*, Ulrich Herzog, known as Fred Herzog (1930–2019), vividly captures a doomed wooden structure as well as a gaggle of children who have made it their playground. Herzog's best-known photographs are colour images of Vancouver taken in the 1950s and 1960s. He made these primarily on a city route that he walked regularly, an urban landscape that was later razed to make way for the gleaming modern city. Though his work was not widely known until the 1990s, he has achieved critical recognition for his unusual use of colour in art photography in the mid-twentieth century, an important milestone in photography in Canada.

Born in Bad Friedrichshall, Herzog grew up in Germany, where his early life was shaped by the loss of his parents and the devastation of the Second World War. He immigrated to Canada in 1952. His experiences may have influenced him to make a comment many years later, which he then retracted, expressing doubts about the extent of the Holocaust.¹

Herzog inherited a camera and an interest in photography from an uncle before purchasing his own Kodak Retina, which he used avidly. After he immigrated to Canada, he lived briefly in Toronto where he met and worked with a medical photographer. Herzog read widely, poring over camera magazines and artists books while working on ships travelling from Vancouver before he secured a position as a medical photographer in 1957.² In 1961, he took up a job as the head of the Department of Biomedical Communications at the University of British Columbia.³ Herzog held this position until his retirement in 1990 and occasionally taught photography, but his most important photographs were not from his professional oeuvre.



Fred Herzog, *Black Man Pender*, 1958, archival pigment print, various sizes, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver.

Using Kodachrome colour slide film in a Leica camera usually fitted with a wide-angle lens, Herzog composed cinematic photographs of the bustling streets and cityscapes. The slow film enabled him to capture poignant, often gritty details of Vancouver and its working-class inhabitants in images such as *Black Man Pender*, 1958. It was an approach sharpened by his encounter with Robert Frank's book *The Americans* (1959) and, later, with the work of Walker Evans (1903–1975).

Herzog's work was included in some group exhibitions throughout his career and he garnered recognition for his medical photography. But he was already in his seventies by the time digital printing technology offered him a way to adequately capture colour in prints from his 100,000 or so colour slides.⁴ With the assistance of a dealer, his work has received widespread national and international recognition in the form of exhibitions and books.

Thaddeus (Tadeusz) Holownia (b.1949, Bury St. Edmunds, England)



Lower Dorchester, October 1980

Gelatin silver print, 20.3 x 47 cm; image: 16.5 x 40.5 cm

CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

In the dramatic image of a New Brunswick coastline titled *Lower Dorchester*, Thaddeus Holownia (b.1949) does not follow the usual landscape conventions by offering us a soaring vista or clear focal point. Instead, he sets us right in the tidal muck, encouraging us to look carefully at the details of the constantly shifting environment. The work is a notable example of the artist's photographs focused on place, histories of land use, architecture, and the impact of European settlement. Grounded in the landscape of the east coast, Holownia is known for his work featuring the environment, a decades-long exploration that has taken on great urgency in recent years.

Born in England, Holownia immigrated to Canada as a child and studied fine arts at the University of Windsor while taking courses in communication arts.¹ After university, he joined the vibrant Toronto art scene of the 1970s and used his commercial skills as a film editor. Among the work he produced at that time were portraits of people posing with their cars in older urban areas that had been abandoned in favour of the car-friendly suburbs; two works known as *Untitled*, 1974–77, are among them. In 1977, Holownia took up a teaching position at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, and he has lived and worked in the Maritimes ever since.



LEFT: Thaddeus Holownia, *Untitled*, 1974–77, printed 1996, gelatin silver print, 20.4 x 50.4 cm; image: 19.4 x 49.7 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Thaddeus Holownia, *Untitled*, 1974–77, printed 1996, gelatin silver print, 20.4 x 50.4 cm; image: 19.4 x 49.7 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Holownia often returns to the same site to photograph transformations and create portfolios of particular subjects over time. He uses a large-scale view camera to capture minute details of wind and light, producing crisp black and white panoramic images, sometimes collaborating with writers and poets on books and exhibitions. In 1977, Holownia began to photograph the Tantramar marshes around Sackville. Acadian settlers began to reclaim these areas in the seventeenth century by building dykes to protect their communities from the tides of the Bay of Fundy. These photographs trace the delicate balance between powerful natural forces and human efforts to control those forces; in 1989, Holownia published them in a book called *Dykelands*.

A critic describes Holownia's meditative work pre-1989 as capturing the "slow violence" of environmental disaster.² More recently, Holownia's projects on this theme have become more urgent and he has started to use colour in his meditations on the escalating pace of environmental degradation.³

C.D. (Chow Dong) Hoy (1883, Guangdong, China–1973, Quesnel, British Columbia)



Kong Shing Sing on a horse on Barlow Avenue in Quesnel, c.1910
Barkerville Historic Town Archives

The photographs of Chow Dong Hoy (1883–1973) offer a rich visual document of people in Quesnel, British Columbia, a town on the Canadian frontier that was predominantly Asian Canadian and Indigenous at the turn of the century. The local culture is signalled in this majestic portrait of Kong Shing Sing. The subject appears on horseback, a pose befitting his position as the scion of a ranching family in the area. Sing was also a blacksmith and a proficient cowboy, and his woolly chaps derive from local Indigenous traditions—Tsilhqot'in Chief William Charleyboy wore a similar pair when he sat for Hoy. One of the first photographers of Chinese descent to work in Canada, Hoy created an extraordinary record of his multiracial community.¹

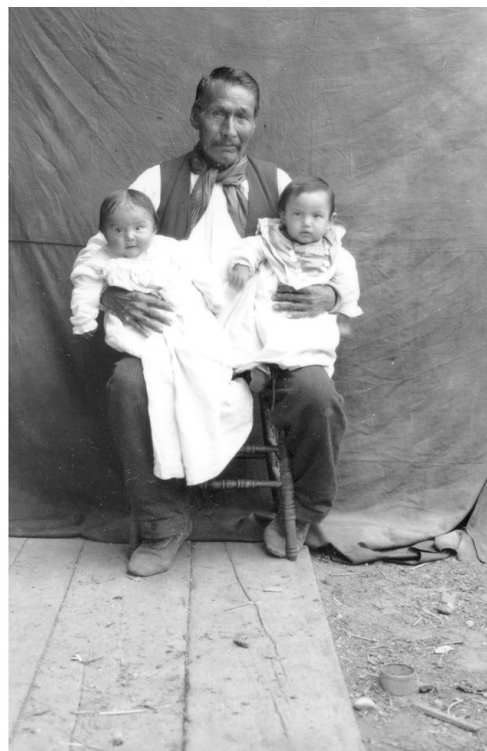
Born in Guangdong, China, Hoy came from a family of limited means. His father borrowed funds to pay the Canadian government's head tax levied against Chinese people from 1885 to 1923, enabling Hoy to immigrate. After he arrived in Vancouver in 1902, Hoy worked a variety of jobs, including as a cook and gold miner. He learned photography in the town of Barkerville in British Columbia's Interior, but most of Hoy's portraits were made in Quesnel, after he bought a general store and set up a studio as part of the business.

Between 1909 and 1920, Hoy photographed a broad cross-section of residents in the Cariboo region. For Chinese workers, especially miners, he produced

elegant and creatively staged portraits they could send back to family abroad. Hoy mixed Chinese portrait conventions, such as the full-frontal pose of many of his sitters, as can be seen in *Elaine Charleyboy and Chief William Charleyboy (Redstone)*, c.1910, with the Western use of backdrops and props. Hoy's archive includes a significant number of photographs of Indigenous subjects (including Carrier and Tsilhqot'in people) as well as white settlers. Lacking expensive lighting equipment and interior space, Hoy made many photographs outside, especially for large groups and during events such as Quesnel's annual Dominion Day Stampede, which drew visitors from far and wide.



LEFT: C.D. Hoy, *Elaine Charleyboy and Chief William Charleyboy (Redstone)*, c.1910, Barkerville Historic Town Archives. RIGHT: C.D. Hoy, *Portrait of an unidentified First Nations man and two babies*, c.1910, Barkerville Historic Town Archives.



Hoy's negatives were acquired by the town of Barkerville from his family. As photographs specifically commissioned by individual sitters, Hoy's work showcases a unique archive of frontier life that is quite different from ethnographic and government archives.

William James (1866, Walsall, England–1948, Toronto)



Munitions workers (women) Toronto, 1917

Hand-tinted glass lantern slide, 8 x 8 cm

City of Toronto Archives

In 1917, at the height of the First World War, William James (1866–1948) made a hand-coloured lantern slide depicting a group of women munitions workers. The image highlights his characteristic interest in the way historic events affected the people of his adopted city of Toronto, where he worked as the city's first press photographer.

When James migrated to Canada from England in 1906 seeking a better life, he arrived with his wife, five children, and seven dollars. After doing a variety of jobs, he turned his passion for photography into an occupation.¹ During the day, he walked the streets of Toronto, taking pictures of the activities of urban

life. At night, he developed images to sell to local newspapers the following morning. Between 1909 and the late 1930s, hundreds of his photographs were published in newspapers and magazines, including *Toronto World*, the *Toronto Daily Star*, and *Chatelaine*.² At one point, he was selling his pictures to all seven of the city's papers.³

James knew all the other photographers in the city and his images of newsmen at the ready, such as *Newsreel and Press Photographers, Queen's Park, 1911*, show his enthusiasm for the new profession. He was the founding president of the Canadian Photographers Association, the country's first organization of press photographers, and he influenced a younger generation of photographers, teaching three of his sons (Joseph, William Jr., and Norman), as well as local boys the Turofskys, who became well-known sports photographers.⁴



LEFT: William James, *Newsreel and Press Photographers, Queen's Park, 1911*, black and white photograph, City of Toronto Archives. RIGHT: William James, *Replacing burnt-out bulbs in outdoor sign for Magic Baking Powder, c.1920*, black and white photograph, City of Toronto Archives.

A technically skilled and innovative photographer, James tested different kinds of film and invented a developer to eliminate grain in his photographs. He produced beautiful hand-painted glass lantern slides, built his own cameras, and worked with telephoto and wide-angle lenses. He even wrote articles about his experiments with camera technology and chemistry.⁵



LEFT: William James, *High Park toboggan runs, 1914*, black and white photograph, 9 x 11 cm, City of Toronto Archives. RIGHT: William James, *Agnes Street Poulterer's Establishment, 1910*, hand-tinted glass lantern slide, 8 x 8 cm, City of Toronto Archives.

James specialized in human interest subject matter, and his willingness to do whatever it took to get the picture is evident from his many photographic adventures. He worked upside down with his Speed Graphic camera to photograph the first cable car to run across the whirlpool rapids of the Niagara River. He flew in dirigible airships and was the first photographer in Canada to make aerial movies, which he shot from the open cockpit of a biplane.⁶ And when balloonists went off course in northern Ontario, "a mishap which caused a



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news sensation... William James was the first photographer on hand to record their rescue.”⁷

Although James did not write about his intentions as a photographer, his images suggest he was motivated to make striking pictures that told a story in a single frame, and according to his son, Norman, who became a press photographer for the *Toronto Star*, William James hoped his photographs would have historical value.⁸ His archive includes countless eye-catching images of everyday events that skillfully convey the essence of an event.

Yousuf Karsh (1908, Mardin, Armenia–2002, Boston)



Winston Churchill, December 30, 1941, printed before September 1988
Gelatin silver print, 50.2 x 40.7 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

This dramatic wartime portrait of Winston Churchill made Yousuf Karsh (1908–2002) world famous. He took the picture on Parliament Hill in Ottawa moments after yanking Churchill's cigar from his mouth, and the British prime minister's stern expression came to symbolize defiance in the face of Nazi aggression. The theatricality of the image, also known as *Roaring Lion*, is heightened by the lighting that the photographer is known for. The photograph was a turning point for Karsh, who went on to photograph dozens of global luminaries in a career that lasted over five decades.

Karsh was born into an Armenian family in what is now Turkey, before the genocide forced them to flee to Syria. As a teenager, he was sent to live with his uncle, George Nakash, a photographer in Sherbrooke, Quebec.¹ Karsh apprenticed at John Garo's stylish studio in Boston, where he learned both the craft and social art of portraiture, before setting up his own studio in Ottawa in 1932. From the 1970s until his retirement in 1992, Karsh operated a studio in the city's luxurious Château Laurier hotel.



LEFT: Yousuf Karsh, *Beatrice Lillie*, 1948, bromide print, 24 x 19 cm, National Portrait Gallery, London, U.K. RIGHT: Yousuf Karsh, *Glenn Gould*, 1957, gelatin silver print, variable dimensions.

His first commissions came from local Ottawa theatre groups, a task that may have shaped his deft stage management of Churchill. Commissions from the Canadian government to photograph political events and figures soon followed, and Karsh later received several corporate commissions, including work for Ford Motors and a set of images for the airline Canadair, which were used in an advertising campaign.²

Although Karsh decided that Churchill alone was enough for his portrait, he favoured props for many of his other sitters, either related to their profession or as added atmosphere. He would keep his studio space dark and then add bright lights on either side of the sitter to create contrasts of light and shadow that played out across his subject's face and body. He often spoke of his desire to get behind the masks of the people he photographed, and yet the portraits he produced are read as iconic, monumental images of his well-known subjects.³ Karsh's portraits were published widely in the press, in magazines, and in a series of coffee table books and illustrated memoirs in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.

Minna Keene (1861, Arolson, Germany–1943, Oakville, Ontario) and Violet Keene Perinchief (1893, Bath, England–1987, Oakville, Ontario)



Minna Keene, *Pomegranates*, c.1910
Carbon print, 49.6 x 33.9 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

In *Pomegranates*, Minna Keene (1861–1943) stages a version of the Persephone myth featuring her daughter, Violet Keene Perinchief (1893–1987). Minna Keene was a storyteller, and this image, with its allusion to the ancient Greek myth of the goddess trapped in the underworld after eating pomegranate seeds, shows her interest in photographic narratives. It also exemplifies her interest in Pictorialism, a style she adopted to create emotionally resonant portraits, landscapes, and genre scenes. As a successful commercial and artistic photographer, Keene was a trailblazer in the early twentieth century. In Canada, Minna and Violet formed a unique and successful partnership to run several portrait studios.

Born in Germany, Minna Keene lived and worked in Britain and South Africa before moving to Montreal in 1913 with her family. She began working with photography in England, where her subjects were flowers, plants, and birds, and her botanical and ornithological studies were used in British textbooks into the 1920s.¹ She experimented with a range of photographic and printing techniques to get the tonal effects she desired. Minna was the first woman fellow of the Royal Photographic Society in England and exhibited in their annual exhibitions from 1911 to 1929. In the context of early nineteenth-century South Africa, in Cape Town, Minna Keene's portraits of eminent white South Africans were used on the covers of magazines and were praised for their quality of light and tone, and her typological studies of non-white subjects, such as *Our Malay Washerwoman*, 1903–13, were acclaimed and she sold them as postcards.²

In Canada, Minna Keene was hired by the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) to photograph the Rockies, a commission that led to images such as *Lake Surrounded by Mountains*, 1914–15.³ Unlike the images made by Charles Horetzky (1838–1900) and others from the geological surveys a few decades earlier, Keene's photographs, made with Violet's assistance, were taken to help market the mountain journey to tourists. She was hired specifically to provide a new perspective on captivating scenery that was by then familiar to many Canadians.⁴

After settling in Canada, mother and daughter set up studios in Oakville and Montreal. Violet, who had assisted Minna first on the CPR venture and then in the studio, took over the business after her mother died. Violet became a well-known portrait photographer.

Though their work was neglected for many years, the Keenes were rediscovered by curator Laura Jones, who included them in an exhibition on Canadian women photographers in 1983 that was shown at several venues, including the Art Gallery of Ontario and the London Regional Art Gallery (now Museum London in Ontario).⁵ Their archives have been acquired by The Image Centre at Toronto Metropolitan University, thus paving the way for more research.



Minna Keene, *Lake surrounded by mountains*, 1914–15, carbon print, The Image Centre, Toronto.



LEFT: Violet Keene Perinchief, *Dolls*, 1940, gelatin silver print mounted to two-ply period board, 48.6 x 36.8 cm, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto. RIGHT: Violet Keene Perinchief, *Diana Boone, Toronto Society*, c.1940, gelatin silver print, The Image Centre, Toronto.

Roy Kiyooka (1926, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan–1994, Vancouver)



StoneDGloves, 1970

Gelatin silver print, mounted on cardboard, 67.9 x 100.4 cm

National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

Celebrated for his work in a wide range of artforms, Roy Kiyooka (1926–1994) created several significant photography projects, including *StoneDGloves: Alms for Soft Palms*, one of his earliest and best known endeavours. In 1969, Kiyooka travelled to Osaka to oversee installation of his commissioned sculpture for the World Expo and began to photograph discarded gloves left by the workers on site. Kiyooka heightened the impact of the spare images through the addition of text, specifically his evocative title and the integration of poetry to accompany the photographs. Acquired by the National Gallery of Canada, the project was exhibited nationally.

Kiyooka began his career as a painter in the late 1940s, studying with Painters Eleven member Jock Macdonald (1897–1960). In 1955, Kiyooka spent eight months in the San Miguel artist colony in Mexico before participating in the Emma Lake Artists' Workshops at the University of Saskatchewan (1957–60) where he worked with American art critic Clement Greenberg and artist Barnett Newman (1905–1970).¹ After moving to Vancouver in 1959, he shifted away from painting to take up photography and later filmmaking, music, and poetry.

His interest in serial images and photography as a way to represent movement are evident in *Long Beach BC to Peggy's Cove Nova Scotia*, created after a temporary move to teach at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax.

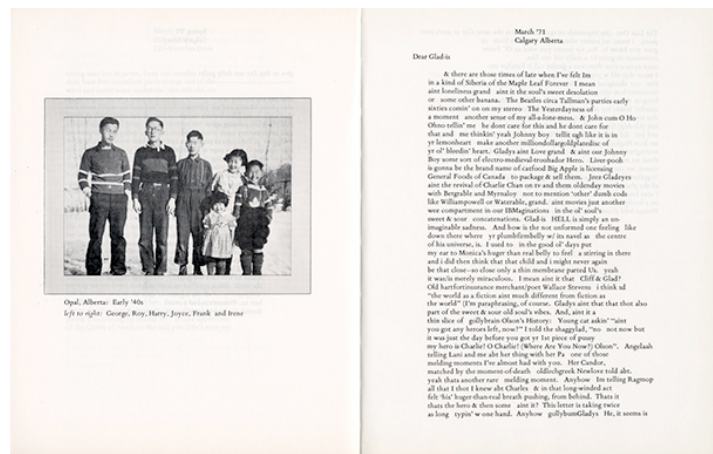
In his work *Transcanada Letters*, a conceptual book project from 1975, Kiyooka used snapshots and family photographs alongside his own letters and experimental texts to articulate his experience of place and nation as a second-generation Japanese Canadian.² The

movement and sources tracked in the images and text weave across Canada but also across the Pacific, questioning the geographic limits of identity and belonging.

Working with Michael de Courcy (b.1944), Kiyooka also organized the landmark and controversial National Film Board-funded project *13 Cameras/Vancouver*. This array of abstract and conceptual photographs was published as a book and presented as an exhibition at the Vancouver Art Gallery in 1978. Challenged by the lack of guiding text, one reviewer complained of the lacklustre snapshot aesthetic and the public funding for this counterculture collaboration by writing that “the group contemplated their 13 navels over a period of months in an apparently fruitless attempt to find a consensus.”³ Throughout his career, Kiyooka remained highly influential in the Vancouver scene as an organizer, collaborator, and teacher, where he taught first at the Vancouver School of Art (now the Emily Carr University of Art + Design) and then at the University of British Columbia from 1973 to 1991.



Roy Kiyooka, *Long Beach BC to Peggy's Cove Nova Scotia*, 1971, 46 x 28 cm. These images are from Kiyooka's eighteen-page photo series in *Transcanada Letters* (1975).



LEFT: Roy Kiyooka, cover of *Transcanada Letters*, 1975. RIGHT: Roy Kiyooka, page from *Transcanada Letters*, 1975.

Suzy Lake (b.1947, Detroit, Michigan)



Are You Talking to Me? #3, 1979

Five gelatin silver fibre-based prints with applied colour and two chromogenic prints, installed dimensions variable

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

In the eighty-eight images of the ground-breaking installation *Are You Talking to Me?*, Suzy Lake (b.1947) recites a question made famous by the performance of actor Robert De Niro in the movie *Taxi Driver*. The artwork is the culmination of Lake's investigation of experiences of internal conflict and feelings of alienation. The technically sophisticated project involved heating and stretching the negatives, as well as painting and re-photographing some of the prints, all with the aim of conveying emotional intensity, something Lake has examined throughout her career.¹ Her innovative exploration of gender identity through performance and photography paved the way for a generation of artists.

Born in Detroit, Lake immigrated to Montreal in 1968, where she became active in the city's contemporary art scene. Initially a painter, she began experimenting with photography in works about gender identity, such as *Miss Chatelaine*, 1973. Using herself as her model, Lake explored different ways to critique the social constraints women experienced, and she turned to the grid as a format for presenting the images that capture her performances. As both subject and author of works such as *Choreographed Puppets*, 1976–77, in which she appears suspended like a marionette, Lake considered questions of power and restraint through a physical metaphor.²

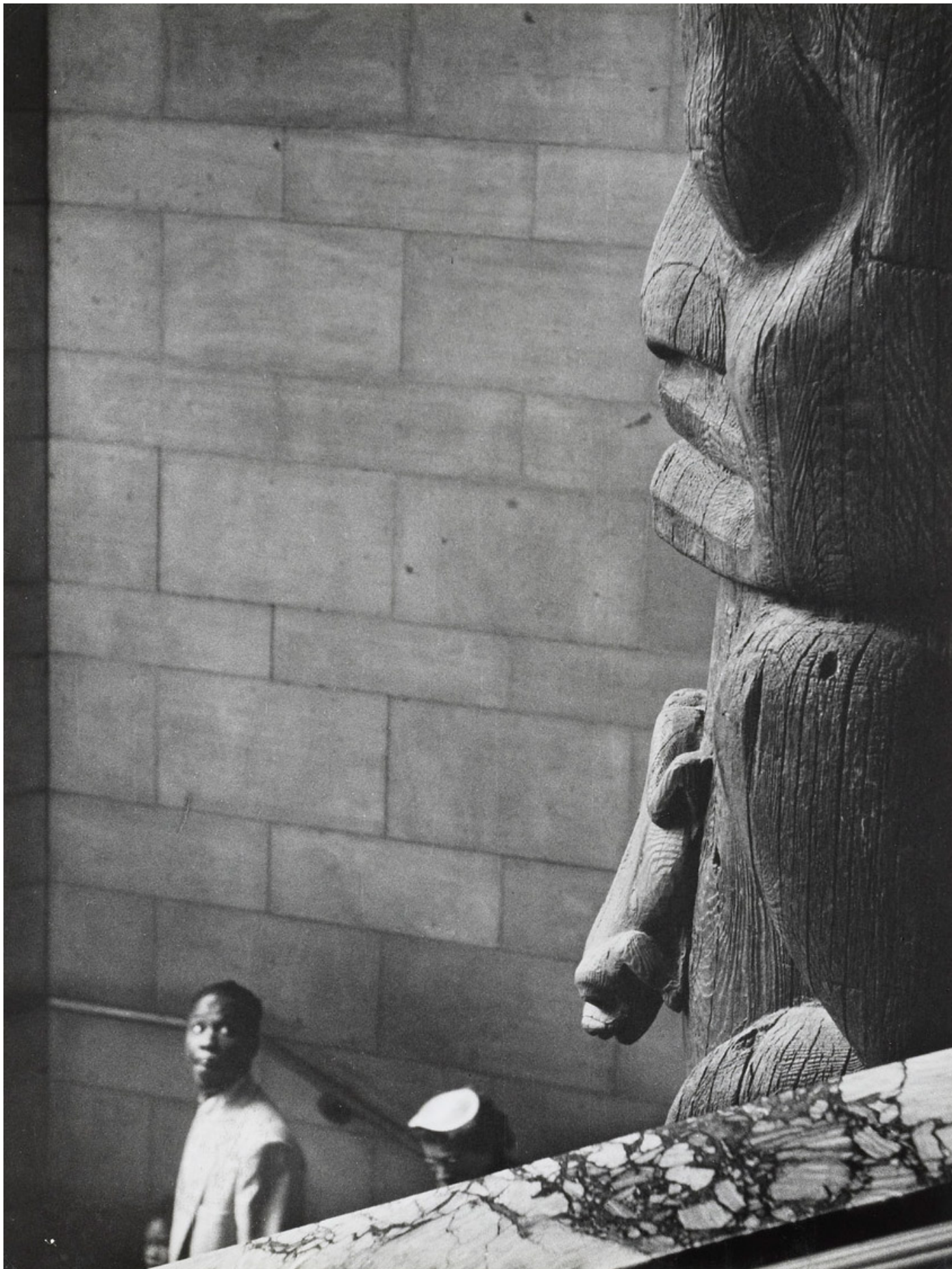
In 1978, Lake moved to Toronto, where she became affiliated with a community of photographers interested in advancing the profile of photography as contemporary art.³ As her work grew more introspective, Lake continued to explore issues of confinement and control. In the series *Pre-Resolution: Using the Ordinances at Hand*, 1983–84, she is pictured smashing a vermilion red wall with a sledgehammer. The twelve large-scale photographs track her destruction of the walls that constrain her.



LEFT: Suzy Lake, *Pre-Resolution: Using the Ordinances at Hand #6*, 1983-84, chromogenic print, oil paint, and lumber, 162.6 x 109.2 x 10.2 cm, Art Gallery of Hamilton. RIGHT: Suzy Lake, *Choreographed Puppet #3*, 1976/77, Cibachrome print, 40.6 x 50.8 cm, Georgia Scherman Projects, Toronto, courtesy of the artist.

Lake's innovative feminist work was included in international exhibitions such as *WACK! Art and Feminist Revolution 1965-1980* in Los Angeles (2007). In 2014, the Art Gallery of Ontario organized a major retrospective of her work, and in 2016, Lake received a Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts and the Scotiabank Photography Award. She is professor emeritus at the University of Guelph.

Thomas Henry (Michel) Lambeth (1923–1977, Toronto)



Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, 1957

Gelatin silver print, 33.7 x 25.6 cm

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

Michel Lambeth (1923–1977) is best known for his photographs taken in the streets and community spaces of Toronto that provide a personal portrait of the city full of unexpected viewpoints and connections. In *Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto*, Lambeth closely crops a massive totem pole in a stairwell to highlight the contrast in scale between two visitors and the familiar city landmark.

After serving in the Second World War, Lambeth stayed in Europe to study art in London and then Paris, where he changed his name from Thomas Henry to Michel. He returned to Toronto in 1952 and began working as a clerk at City Hall while writing, making art, photographing the city with his Leica, and experimenting with film. His interest in photography as art and as a form of personal expression guided his career. But after leaving his city job in 1959, he

took on work as a photojournalist and was more engaged in social causes and activism.¹ His photographs of poverty-stricken St. Nil, Quebec, were rejected by *Star Weekly* in 1964 for being too critical and grim, but they were later acquired and circulated by the National Film Board.²

From about 1960, Lambeth produced portraits of the artists associated with the influential Isaacs Gallery in Toronto—his 1960 photograph of Michael Snow (1928–2023) is an early example—and in 1965, Av Isaacs gave Lambeth a solo exhibition, a rare opportunity for a Canadian modernist art photographer. At the time Lambeth was concerned about American cultural imperialism and fought to articulate and protect what he saw as a specific Canadian cultural context by leading protests at Canadian institutions, refusing invitations to show his work in the United States, and working with the Canadian Artists' Representation group.

In 1967, Lambeth published a selection of gritty photographs of Toronto from circa 1910, under the title *Made in Canada*, that he had first exhibited at the photo-based artist-run centre Mind and Sight. Although he did not know it at the time, the photographs Lambeth had collected were made by Arthur Goss (1881–1940), official photographer for the City of Toronto. Lambeth believed that Goss's work testified that Canada had pioneers of social documentary photography akin to Americans Jacob Riis (1849–1914) and Lewis Hine (1874–1940), photographers who were attentive to "working conditions, health, housing, education, sanitation, children."³ In these historical photographs of Toronto, Lambeth saw a precedent for the work he was trying to do decades later.



LEFT: Michel Lambeth, *School Children, St-Nil*, 1964, gelatin silver print, 16.5 x 24 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Michel Lambeth, *Michael Snow, Toronto, ON*, 1960, gelatin silver print mounted on board, 32.7 x 23.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



Livernois Studio (1854–1979, Quebec City)



E.L. Laliberté posing with his high wheel bicycle, date unknown

Gelatin silver print

Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

This elegant portrait captures E.L. Laliberté, a young cyclist with several medals, against a bucolic painted studio backdrop. It is emblematic of the work from the Livernois Studio (1854–1979), which is best remembered for documenting the public and private life of Quebec City for over a century. Besides catering to families, the Livernois Studio photographed a wide range of subjects, from church officials to local folk heroes. The studio, which was run by multiple generations of the Livernois family, was known for collaborating with other photographers and constantly expanding its offerings to seize new opportunities.

Jules-Isaïe Benoît Livernois, or J.B. (1830–1865), first opened the studio in 1854. Located on Rue Saint-Jean in Quebec City, it specialized in daguerreotype portraits and, later, cartes-des-visites.¹ J.B.'s wife and business partner, Élise L'Hérault dit L'Heureux (1827–1896), worked under the name Madame Livernois and was well known for her portraits of children. The business was a roaring success, so J.B. opened two additional studios and expanded his photographic repertoire to include French Canadian historical artifacts and monuments, as can be seen in *Monument to the Brave, Quebec City*, c.1860. After tuberculosis claimed J.B.'s life at the age of thirty-four, Madame Livernois took over managing the family studio. The following year she formed a partnership with her son-in-law, photographer Louis Bienvenu, until her son Jules-Ernest Livernois, or J.E. (1851–1933) assumed ownership of the studio in 1873.²



Jules-Isaïe Benoît Livernois, *Monument to the Brave, Quebec City*, c.1860, albumen process, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, 25.7 x 23.4 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

Continuing in the same visual genres as his father, J.E. was also known for his landscape photos and outdoor group portraits. A number of historical pageants were held in honour of the 300th anniversary of Quebec in 1908, and the Livernois Studio produced several portraits of sitters in costume, among them the photograph of Mr. Ant. Couillard as King Henry IV and Madame Auguste Carrier as the Queen of Henry IV.³ By the twentieth century, many Quebecois felt that their traditional ways were disappearing. As a result, genre photos depicting scenes of everyday life in Quebec, such as those produced by the Livernois Studio, were immensely popular.



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Following J.E.'s death, his son Jules Livernois (1877–1952) took the reins of the company, which was then known as J.E. Livernois Limitée. Faced with increased competition and a changing field of photography, the Livernois Studio entered a period of decline after the death of the third Jules Livernois and, after a remarkable 125 years, declared bankruptcy in 1979.

Ken Lum (b.1956, Vancouver)



Melly Shum Hates Her Job, 1989

Chromogenic print, vinyl lettering, 124 x 230.3 cm

Winnipeg Art Gallery

Installation view, Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, renamed the Kunstinstituut Melly in 2021

In 1990, a photograph by Ken Lum (b.1956) from the artist's Portrait Attributes series was installed in the Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, as a part of a solo exhibition. *Melly Shum Hates Her Job* depicts an Asian woman working in an office. She smiles at the viewer, but the text declares her dissatisfaction in ardent terms. After the show closed, the gallery received multiple requests to reinstall the piece because, as one person commented, "every city deserves a monument to people who hate their jobs."¹ Lum was pleased by the community's response to his artwork and it was reinstalled. In a testament to the work's relevance, when the directors of the Witte de With changed the institution's name in an effort to decolonize in 2021,

they chose to call it the Kunstinstituut Melly (that is, Melly Art Museum).² This suited Lum, who is internationally recognized for his commentary on social and political issues.

Lum is associated with Vancouver photo-conceptualism and, like many of his colleagues in the movement, he is an academic, a writer, and a critic as well as an artist. His Portrait-Logo series from the mid-1980s is one of his earliest major projects, and it explores questions of identity and difference. Each portrait is paired with a logo, name, or descriptive text, using the typographic font as an expressive element. In *Steve*, 1986, the image takes the form of a high school yearbook photo, while the text is written in the script of a teenager's doodle, suggesting the exuberant personality of the youth portrayed.³

In an aesthetic that borrows from and combines advertising and family photography, some of the works in the Portrait-Logo series also comment on stereotypes of gender and ethnicity. In *Ollner Family*, 1986, the subjects—a white father, Asian mother, and child of mixed ethnicity—are posed and smiling, as in the style of a portrait from a commercial studio, but the “Ollner” sign adjacent to the photograph relates to family structure and subsumes the woman and child into patriarchy and white supremacy.⁴ Similarly, in *Amrita and Mrs. Sondhi*, 1986, the portrait is paired with a bold custom-designed logo based on the family name. Although the man does not appear in the photograph, he is represented by the corporate-style emblem. Lum is interested in the relationship between image and text, and he destabilizes visual and textual meaning so that viewers may become conscious of their own role in creating meaning. The large-scale, aluminum-based lacquer painted works of Portrait-Logo adopt the visual language of commercial signage but also reference minimalist sculpture by artists such as Donald Judd (1928–1994).⁵

Lum works in a range of media and has completed numerous public art commissions in Canada and abroad. In 2016, he became Chair of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2017.

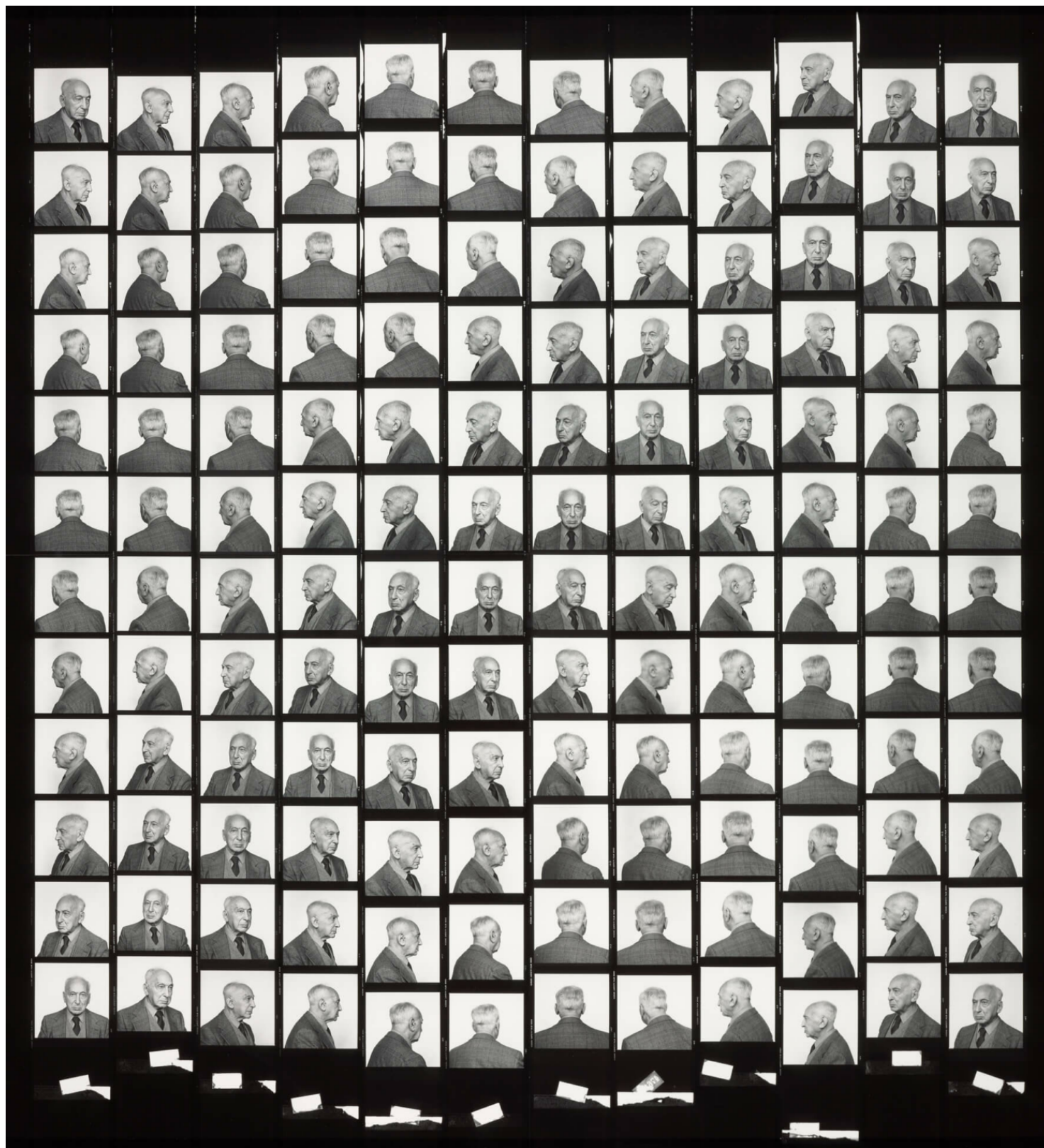


Ken Lum, *Steve*, 1986, chromogenic print, enamel, Plexiglas, 203.2 x 138.5 cm, Vancouver Art Gallery.



LEFT: Ken Lum, *Ollner Family*, 1986. RIGHT: Ken Lum, *Amrita and Mrs. Sondhi*, 1986, dye-coupler print and acrylic paint on opaque Plexiglas, 102 x 225.9 x 6.3 cm irregular, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Arnaud Maggs (1926, Montreal–2012, Toronto)



André Kertész, 144 Views, December 8, 1980
Four gelatin silver prints, 86.9 x 79.9 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

In 1980, Arnaud Maggs (1926–2012) made an artwork featuring the celebrated Hungarian photographer André Kertész (1894–1985). Maggs's elegant arrangement of 144 views shows the eighty-six-year-old's head and shoulders gradually turning from front to back. Maggs's poetic display beautifully echoes Kertész's own interest in movement and gesture and is characteristic of the early large-scale portrait installations that launched his art career.

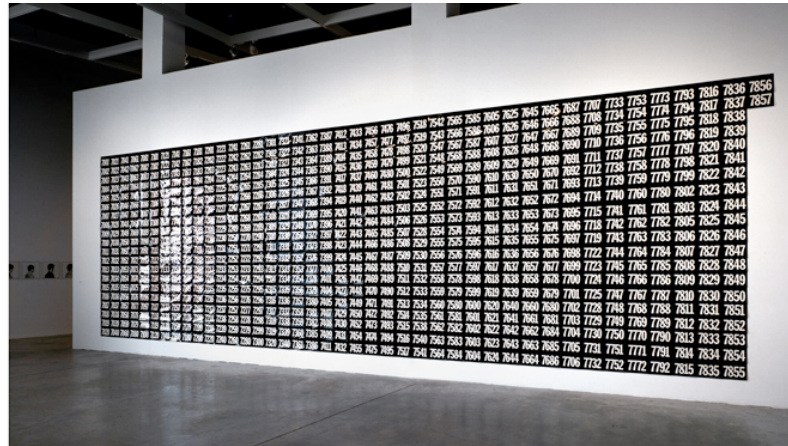
Based in Toronto, Maggs was successful as a graphic designer and commercial photographer before he began working as an artist in the 1970s. Initially, he concentrated on portraiture. Works such as *64 Portrait Studies, 1976–78*, explore his dual interests in analytical systems and human faces.¹ Four rows of sixteen black and white images invite viewers to compare facial features, head shape, posture, and hairstyles.



Arnaud Maggs, *64 Portrait Studies, 1976–78* (detail), 1976–78, gelatin silver prints, 40.4 x 40.4 cm each; image: 37.9 x 38.2 cm each, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Influenced by both his professional background and Conceptual art, he turned to the grid as a mode of presentation. By installing a series of photographs in the form of a grid, he established order and introduced duration by inviting viewers to compare images and consider changes in his subjects over time.² In works such as *48 Views, 1981–82*, Maggs paid homage to artists, photographers, and other cultural figures, including Jane Jacobs, Yousuf Karsh (1908–2002), Michael Snow (1928–2023), and Paul Wong (b.1954). In *Joseph Beuys: 100 Profile Views, 1980*, and *Joseph Beuys: 100 Frontal Views, 1980*, the penetrating gaze of the acclaimed German conceptual artist combines with subtle changes in posture to convey the essence of the subject.³

In the late 1980s, Maggs began to explore his interest in collections and taxonomies through material culture. In *The Complete Prestige 12" Jazz Catalogue*, 1988, he represented the numeric system that Prestige Records used to catalogue their jazz releases. He also worked with typography and signage, before turning to ephemera and archival sources in the 1990s. Maggs received the Scotiabank Photography Award in 2012.



LEFT: Arnaud Maggs, *64 Portrait Studies*, 1976–78, 1976–78, gelatin silver prints, 40.4 x 40.4 cm each; image: 37.9 x 38.2 cm each, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. This image depicts an installation view of Maggs's *64 Portrait Studies*, 1976–78, at David Mirvish Gallery, Toronto, 1978, photographer unknown. RIGHT: Arnaud Maggs, *The Complete Prestige 12" Jazz Catalogue*, 1988, 828 azo dye prints (Cibachrome), 20.3 x 25.4 cm each; installation: 400.1 x 1053.5 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. Maggs's *The Complete Prestige 12" Jazz Catalogue* is shown here in an installation view at The Power Plant, Toronto, in 1999, photograph by Gabor Szilasi.

Hannah Maynard (née Hatherly) (1834, Bude, Cornwall, England–1918, Victoria, British Columbia)



Gems of British Columbia for the year 1884, 1884
Black and white glass plate negative, 16.5 x 21.5 cm
BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria

Gems of British Columbia for the year 1884 is one of a notable series of photomontages of child portraits that Hannah Maynard (1834–1918) began in 1881. Issued annually for seventeen years, the project stands as one of her most original contributions to photography and leveraged her reputation as a skilled photographer of babies and small children. Known as the *Gems of British Columbia*, the innovatively designed composites were sent to each of her client families and were advertisements for the studio.¹ With the high rate of infant mortality at the time, having and raising the next generation was a significant challenge for all Canadians. Maynard was playing to the desire to mark each birth and record growing families. However, it was typically only settler families who had the means to do so with photographs.² Many photographers specialized in portraits of children, but Maynard's creative techniques and ownership of her own studio set her apart.

Maynard immigrated from England in 1852 with her husband, Richard Maynard (1832–1907), settling first in Bowmanville, Ontario, before moving to Victoria in 1862 and opening Mrs. R. Maynard's Photographic Gallery. Enticed by the gold rush, Richard had moved west in 1858 and it was while she was caring for their children in Ontario that she learned photography. After opening her studio in the burgeoning frontier town, she taught Richard, who served as a photographer on government inspection tours to Indigenous communities and became known for his landscape images. He continued his work as a bootmaker in Victoria and from 1874 the couple operated the studio and shoe shop in one building.

Maynard focused mainly on portraits and promoting and running the successful studio, but she is also known for technically and conceptually experimental work using multiple exposures from the 1890s. Many of these photographs are self-portraits and portraits of her immediate family at home or in the studio, as in *Hannah Maynard and her grandson, Maynard McDonald, in a tableau vivant composite photo*, c.1893. The photographs play with the gendered and class conventions of her day, such as the rituals of tea and of feminine comportment—these notably appear in *Hannah Maynard in a tableau vivant composite photo*, c.1893–97. Others employ symbolic flowers and embedded portraits that point to the untimely deaths of Hannah's daughters: Lillie, who died in 1883 at age sixteen of typhoid fever, and Emma, who drowned in 1888.³



LEFT: Hannah Maynard, *Hannah Maynard and her grandson, Maynard McDonald, in a tableau vivant composite photo*, c.1893, black and white glass plate negative, 25 x 20 cm, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria. RIGHT: Hannah Maynard, *Hannah Maynard in a tableau vivant composite photo*, c.1893–97, black and white collodion glass plate negative, 20 x 25 cm, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria.

In addition to her studio portraiture and more experimental artistic photography, Maynard also worked for the government and as an ethnographic photographer. For several years around the turn of the century, Maynard held a contract with the Victoria Police Department to photograph both officers and prisoners, who were brought to her studio.⁴ Most of these were set up as straight headshots more akin to the modern mugshot, though there are exceptions that display Maynard's renowned creative flourish, including *One of Mrs. Maynard's Victoria Police Department photos; Belle Adams, charged with the murder of Charles Kincaid; received five years for manslaughter, 1898*. Maynard is celebrated today for the range and quality of her professional and creative work.

Samuel McLaughlin (1826, Rathlin Island, Ireland–1914, Los Angeles)



Wharf and the Saguenay River at L'Anse-Saint-Jean (Quebec), 1886

Black and white photograph, 19 x 24 cm

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Quebec City

The arrangement and perspective of *Wharf and the Saguenay River at L'Anse-Saint-Jean (Quebec)* by Samuel McLaughlin (1826–1914) deftly guides the viewer's eye along a large wharf as it juts out into the pristine water and hills beyond. The image is featured in one of McLaughlin's most important projects, an album documenting the building of dams and docks along the Saguenay River in Quebec. Like so many early photographers in Canada, McLaughlin was adept at creating beautiful photographs of settler-colonial incursions into nature, and the resulting photographs celebrated national progress.

Originally from Ireland, McLaughlin immigrated to Quebec City at the age of fifteen, where he worked as a watchmaker and then a publisher of city directories before turning his amateur practice of photography into a professional pursuit. In 1858, he announced what would be the first photographically illustrated publication in Canada, *The Photographic Portfolio*:

A Monthly View of Canadian Scenes and Scenery. Designed as a high-quality souvenir that paired photographs with descriptions in letterpress, McLaughlin's ambitious project exceeded his capacity and he produced only twelve views over a three-year period.¹ Few complete portfolios exist today.²

In 1861, McLaughlin was named Canada's first government photographer. He relocated to Ottawa, where he used a view camera to document the long and difficult construction of the new Parliament Buildings (1860–76). He served in this role for thirty years, photographing a wide variety of public works, railways, and ceremonies. He continued to work with care and attention that exceeded the demands of his job, creating images that are not only visual records but also striking compositions. In 1893, McLaughlin retired to California and, unfortunately, his studio's negatives and records were lost in a fire soon after.



Samuel McLaughlin, *The Ice Boat*, 1858–60, albumen print, 13.8 x 19.9 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Geraldine Moodie (née Fitzgibbon) (1854, Toronto–1945, Calgary, Alberta)



Inuit woman, Kootucktuck, in her beaded attigi, 1903-5

Gelatin silver print, 22.5 x 17.5 cm

Glenbow Museum, Calgary

Created by Geraldine Moodie (1854–1945), this striking studio portrait of Kootucktuck, a young Inuit woman wearing an elaborately beaded parka, is among the first photographs taken in the Arctic by a woman. In the images she captured in the Hudson Bay area, Moodie was particularly attuned to the clothing of the Indigenous people as well as the daily activities of women and children. But unlike most photographers of her era, Moodie captioned her photographs with the names of Indigenous subjects in Cree and Inuktitut.¹

Moodie came from a line of women artists deeply engaged with documenting aspects of settler-colonial life.² Her husband, Douglas Moodie, was an officer with the North West Mounted Police (NWMP). Although Geraldine joined him on many postings, she also moved back and forth to her mother's home in Lakefield, Ontario. Over this time, during which she gave birth to and raised six children, she was also taking photographs of plant life, creating images like *Mentzelia decapetala*, 1898. Just after her fortieth birthday, she shifted from amateur to professional photographer, turning her lens on the Indigenous communities around her Prairie home in Battleford, Saskatchewan. In 1895, she became the first woman to open a studio in the region.³



LEFT: Geraldine Moodie, *Mentzelia decapetala*, 1898, printing-out paper, 14.1 x 9.8 cm, British Library Collection, London and Yorkshire, U.K. RIGHT: Geraldine Moodie, DGS "Arctic" frozen in the ice, Fullerton Harbour, Nunavut, April 1905, Glenbow Museum, Calgary.

From 1903 to 1909, Moodie's husband was posted to Cape Fullerton, in what is now Nunavut. Historians have often suggested that Moodie's Northern subjects appear comfortable in front of Moodie's camera, but it is crucial to recall that she was part of a governmental party tasked with establishing the first police presence in the Hudson Bay area.⁴ Some of the Northern images are acutely attuned to the traumas brought by incursion of southern settlers. Her *Portrait of Two Southampton Inuit Children*, 1903–5, shows two small children who were among the four children and sole woman who survived an epidemic brought by whalers that decimated the Tuniit community on Southampton Island in 1902.

Moodie taught her husband photography and, in the North, she focused on portraits while he photographed the landscape and the NWMP operations. Not only did Moodie copyright many of her Northern photographs, but they often accompanied the reports Douglas sent to Ottawa on NWMP activities and, as a result, many of Geraldine's Northern photographs are held in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) collection at Library and Archives Canada.

Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872, Surrey, England–1970, Burnaby, British Columbia)



Emily Carr in her studio, c.1939
Black and white photograph, 35.7 x 27.8 cm
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872–1970) took a photograph of his friend Emily Carr (1871–1945) near the end of her life that is today recognized as one of the most famous portraits of the artist. Mortimer-Lamb's sepia-toned image pictures the figure of a serious, world-weary Carr wearing a smock and cap and seated in her studio. He heightens the contrast between the artist and her art by positioning Carr in front of one of her lively, soaring forest landscapes. The work reflects both his achievements as a photographer and his position as a central figure in modern art in British Columbia.

After immigrating to Canada from England as a teenager, Mortimer-Lamb built a successful career as a journalist and mining industry executive. He was also an avid amateur photographer who used his social position and financial resources to develop the national art scene. As a prominent member of the Pictorialist movement, he exhibited work at home and abroad while also ensuring his work and that of other Canadian photographers was included in leading publications.

Like other Pictorialists, Mortimer-Lamb experimented with papers and printing techniques to enhance the soft, romantic quality of his technically adept photographs, as can be seen in images such as *The Pool*, c.1907, and *Southam Sisters, Montreal*, c.1915–19. He also became fascinated with the potential of nighttime exposures and successfully overcame the technical challenges this work posed in the early twentieth century.¹ Mortimer-Lamb wrote about these experiments, photography as an art form, and art criticism for international photography journals and for the Pictorialist publications *Photograms of the Year* and the *Studio*. As well, Mortimer-Lamb organized salons of painters and photographers and became an important collector while serving as head of the Mining Association of British Columbia, and then as the secretary of the Canadian Mining and Metallurgy Institute in Montreal.



LEFT: Harold Mortimer-Lamb, *Southam Sisters, Montreal*, c.1915–19, gelatin silver print, 32.9 x 41 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Harold Mortimer-Lamb, *The Pool*, c.1907, gelatin silver print, 27.4 x 35 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Mortimer-Lamb entered into partnerships to found two important commercial photo studios that also functioned as exhibition and gathering spaces. He founded one studio with Sidney Carter (1880–1956) in Montreal in 1906, and the other with John Vanderpant (1884–1939) in Vancouver in 1926.² In both cases the partnerships were short lived, but Vanderpant carried on the Vancouver gallery without Mortimer-Lamb. And in 1907, Mortimer-Lamb and



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Carter organized the first major Canadian exhibition of Pictorialist work. When he returned to British Columbia in the 1920s and 1930s, Mortimer-Lamb continued to connect with and support artists by helping to establish both the Vancouver School of Art and the Vancouver Art Gallery. During his stay in Montreal, Mortimer-Lamb became an avid painter. His youngest daughter was the artist Molly Lamb Bobak (1920–2014).

N.E. Thing Co. (NETCO) (1966–1978)

Cover of *Art in America* (May-June 1969), April 30, 1969

Periodical, 23 x 30.6 cm

Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery Archives, Vancouver

In 1969, the May-June issue of *Art in America* featured a cover that showed sixteen 35mm colour slides depicting banal scenes of buildings, bridges, landscapes, art installations, and more, labelled with the acronym ACT, which stands for “Aesthetically Claimed Thing.” Created by the Vancouver-based art collective N.E. Thing Co. (NETCO) (active 1966–1978), the cover unequivocally conveyed the collective’s conceptual approach to artmaking: by making photographs of and labelling things in the world, those objects became works of art themselves.¹ Formed in 1966 by British-born Iain Baxter (now IAIN BAXTER&) (b.1936) and American-born Elaine Ingrid Hieber (b.1938), NETCO merged art, commerce, and everyday life to become a leader in Conceptual art in Canada.

The artists of NETCO worked together in a variety of media, including photography, and were influenced by the ideas of communications theorist Marshall McLuhan. NETCO adapted the structure of a corporation to their art practice by, for instance, naming themselves co-presidents of their company and using a gold corporate seal as the group’s signature, seen in the lower right corner of *Information Sheet: ACT 68, Athabasca Glacier, Columbia Ice Fields, 1968*.



LEFT: N. E. Thing Co., *Information Sheet: ACT 68, Athabasca Glacier, Columbia Ice Fields, 1968*, offset lithography, silver print, paper seal, 45.5 x 61 cm. RIGHT: N.E. Thing Co., *Reflected Landscape, 1968* (assembled 1981), hand-tinted gelatin silver print, watercolour and graphite, printed map, Cibachrome transparency on paper, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Landscape has particular resonance for many artists on the west coast, and NETCO explored new approaches in works such as *Reflected Landscape, 1968*. They created this work by placing mirrors in the river near their home, making photographs at different angles and distances, and combining these images with other elements, such as drawings and maps, to challenge landscape art traditions. In *Imprint, P.E.I., Canada, 1969*, they mimicked the conventions of mapmaking by transposing maps on the land to show the arbitrary nature of dividing and labelling it.² Drawing on the methods of advanced capitalism in unique and challenging ways, NETCO bolstered the Conceptual orientation of the Vancouver art scene and influenced a generation of artists.

William Notman (1826, Paisley, Scotland–1891, Montreal)



The "Skating Queen," c.1855
Albumen silver print, 13.9 x 10.1 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

The elegantly costumed woman in *The “Skating Queen”* appears gliding along the ice as she moves through a winter landscape in this portrait by William Notman (1826–1891), yet she was photographed indoors, in a specially designed winter studio. Creating winter portraits inside with unique technical innovations was one of Notman’s trademarks, and the images were among his most popular, one of the reasons he achieved tremendous commercial success. Through his unparalleled combination of photographic and promotional skills, Notman became the first Canadian photographer to build an international reputation.¹

After emigrating from Scotland in 1856, Notman worked for a season in a dry goods company before setting up a lucrative photographic business in Montreal. Fascinated by new technology, he ensured that his studio used the latest equipment and he was constantly developing novel techniques for photographs, whether that involved simulating ice and snow in the studio, patenting the use of magnesium flares to replicate fire, or developing a composite technique to create (fairly) naturalistic group portraits when camera exposures were still too long to do so simultaneously.



LEFT: William Notman, *Capt. Huyshe as “Cavalier of the time of Charles II,”* Montreal, QC, 1870, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, albumen process, 17.8 x 12.7 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. RIGHT: William Notman, *Around the Camp Fire, Caribou Hunting series,* Montreal, QC, 1866, silver salts on glass, wet collodion process, 20 x 25 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

Notman’s most artistically revered photographs are his sharp and elegantly composed landscapes and views, including a series commissioned in 1858 by the Grand Trunk Railway Company to document construction of the Victoria Bridge, which would connect Montreal by rail to New York and Boston. But his studio portraits and genre photographs are also impressive for the sheer volume he produced, and sometimes for the creativity showcased therein.

Notman sought celebrity for himself by submitting his work to international exhibitions and journals, but he also leveraged the potential of famous and infamous sitters, such as Sitting Bull (Sioux name Tatanka Iyotake) and Buffalo Bill (born William Frederick Cody), to sell photographs and elevate the reputation of his studio. In the 1860s, he advertised himself as “Photographer to

the Queen,” after gifting the Prince of Wales and Queen Victoria with an album in the queen’s honour, a designation that assisted in marketing his work to domestic clients and the growing market of tourists.²

In concert with Alexander Henderson (1831–1913) and other prominent Montreal artists and photographers, Notman promoted the nascent field of Canadian art by sponsoring art exhibitions in his lavish studio. He also photographed a selection of Canadian paintings and sold them as a book. Through these activities, he promoted and elevated his photographic services, linking fine photography to the art world to leverage its commercial potential.

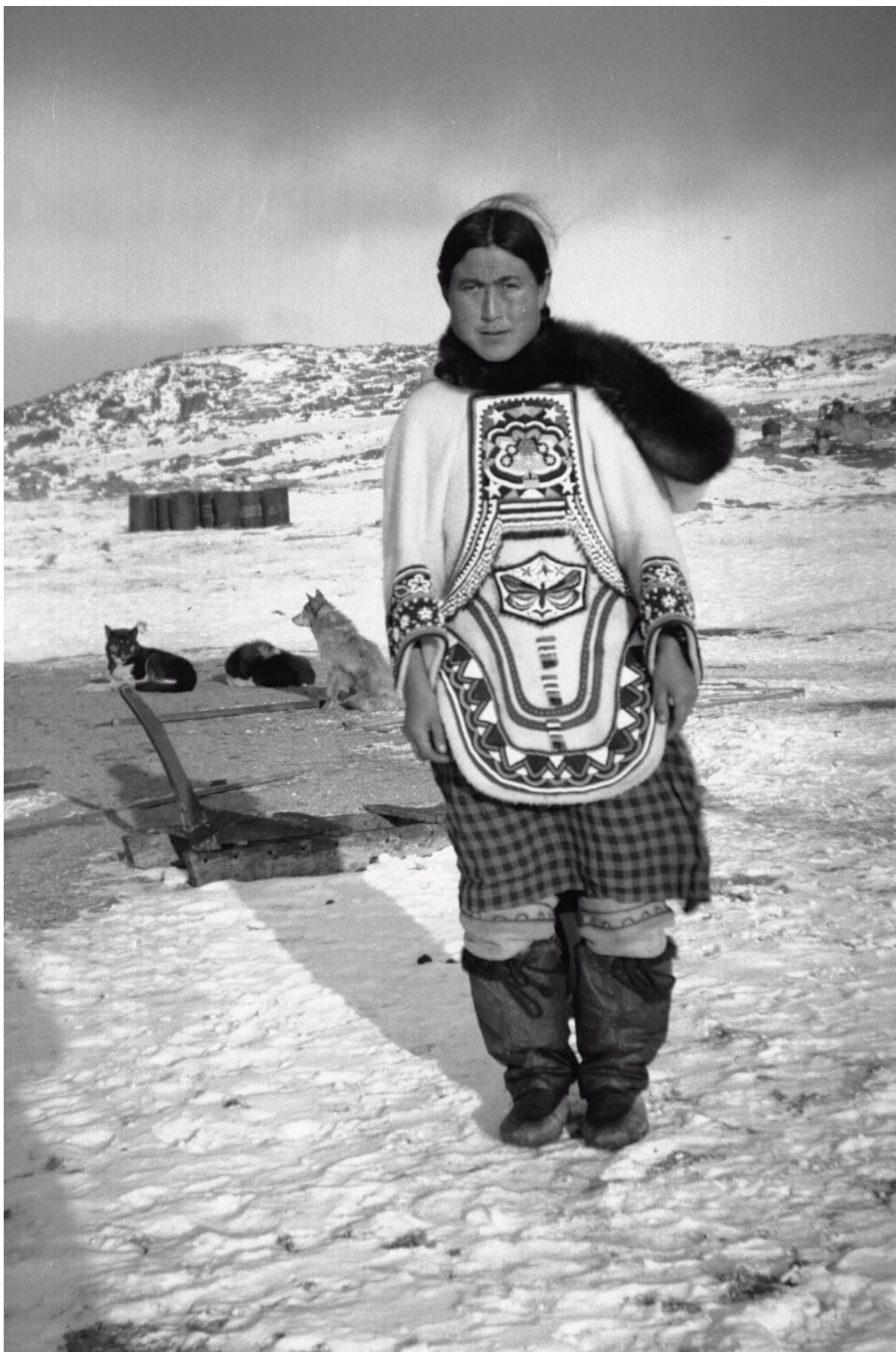
Notman’s innovation is most clearly seen in his approach to the business of photography. Over the course of the nineteenth century, he set up studios across eastern Canada and in the United States. As his business grew, Notman had other photographers working for him, and after his son William McFarlane Notman joined the studio in 1882 it was renamed Wm. Notman & Son. Some of the more iconic images from the 1880s, such as *The Bounce, Montreal Snowshoe Club, QC, 1886*, are best attributed to the studio rather than an individual. After their father’s death, William McFarlane Notman and his brother, Charles, ran the studio before selling the holdings to a film production company, the Associated Screen News, in 1935.



LEFT: William Notman and Son, *Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill*, Montreal, QC, 1885, gelatin silver glass plate negative, 17.9 x 11.3 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. RIGHT: Wm. Notman & Son, *The Bounce, Montreal Snowshoe Club*, QC, 1886, composite, silver salts on glass, gelatin dry plate process, 25 x 20 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.



Peter Pitseolak (1902, Tujakjuak/Nottingham Island, Nunavut–1973, Kinngait/Cape Dorset, Nunavut)



Aggeok Pitseolak wearing a beaded amauti, c.1940-60

Black and white negative, 5.7 cm x 8.9 cm

Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau

When Peter Pitseolak (1902–1973) began taking photographs in the early 1940s, he wanted to capture people of his community in and around Kinngait (Cape Dorset, in what is now called Nunavut) going about their daily lives, and in this portrait he has depicted his wife, Aggeok. She poses on the tundra with dogs and various pieces of equipment behind her, dressed in a combination of intricately decorated traditional clothing and imported checkered fabric. With its personal subject and interesting juxtapositions, the image is typical of Pitseolak's body of work. Pitseolak was the first to photograph traditional life in the Arctic from an Inuit perspective.

Active in the 1940s and 1950s, Pitseolak used borrowed cameras and taught himself photography before acquiring his first camera. In his later life he pointed to a meeting with American photographer and filmmaker Robert Flaherty (1884–1951) as triggering his interest in photography.¹ By his own account, Pitseolak wanted to document traditional Inuit culture in a period of immense change and government incursion, so he took photographs on hunting expeditions and around the traditional camps.² Sometimes he posed the action or asked sitters to wear particular garments as part of an informed process of documentation by a photographer who was also a member of the community. He often used his photographs as references for his creative work as a carver, printmaker, and painter.



LEFT: Peter Pitseolak, *Ashevak Ezekiel and Kooyoo Pitseolak leaving on the dog sled*, c.1940–60, black and white negative, 6.4 x 8.9 cm, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau. RIGHT: Peter Pitseolak, *Distant view of Cape Dorset*, c.1942–43, black and white negative, 6.4 x 8.9 cm, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau.

One of Pitseolak's key challenges was that cameras and photographic materials were not designed for Arctic conditions. In collaboration with Aggeok, he developed film and prints in huts and igloos, working to moderate fluctuations in temperature, and made adjustments to his cameras to mitigate the glare of snow.³ After Pitseolak contracted tuberculosis in 1945, his poor health prompted a shift toward more intimate indoor portraits of family and friends.

Pitseolak's work was not exhibited until after his death. Following a show devoted to his photographs at the McCord Museum in Montreal in 1975, organizers developed a travelling exhibition for the North with small prints mounted on folding boards that could be loaded into small planes.

Mary T.S. Schäffer (1861, West Chester, Pennsylvania–1939, Banff, Alberta)



Looking for goat while baking bread (Camp at lower end of Maligne Lake), 1908

Hand-tinted lantern slide

Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff

Looking for goat while baking bread (Camp at lower end of Maligne Lake) by Mary T. S. Schäffer (1861–1939) presents the Rockies as the backdrop to the scene of a lone woman at a camp in the wilderness. The glass lantern slide is carefully painted to highlight the bright red flowers and the various labours of the multitasking woman in the foreground. That flowers figure prominently is not surprising, as the Pennsylvania-born Schäffer trained as a flower painter and was active in science and photography circles in Philadelphia before moving to Canada. Schäffer created a unique body of work about the Rockies during this era, and she often shared her photography and writing in the form of “magic lantern” lectures, combining the colourful hand-painted slides with her tales of adventure.

Schäffer first travelled to the Canadian Rockies with her husband, Dr. Charles Schäffer, a physician and amateur botanist, in 1899 to document flora. Although her early work was collaborative and often drew on her skills as a watercolourist, Schäffer also exhibited her photographs independently, most prominently at the 1900 Paris Exposition.¹

After her husband's death in 1903, Schäffer returned to the Rockies during the summers to collect the material needed to complete the book of flora.² But instead of drawing or pressing flowers, Schäffer began to use photography to document the samples. During these visits, she also photographed people and scenes of life in the Rockies using a folding camera and glass plate negatives, but around 1907 she switched to celluloid film.³

In 1907 and 1908, Schäffer explored the remote areas north of Lake Louise searching for Lake Maligne, known to the Îyāhé Nakoda as Chaba Imne, using a map provided to her by Indigenous guide and hunter Sampson Beaver. On the journey, she was accompanied by her friend Mary Adams, a geography teacher and fellow photographer, as well as two guides, including Billy Warren, who would eventually become Schäffer's second husband. Although she was not trained in survey work, Schäffer went to Lake Maligne at the request of the Geological Survey of Canada. Her work helped to lead the lake's incorporation into Jasper National Park.



LEFT: Mary Schäffer, *Chamaenerion angustifolium* (Fireweed), c.1910, hand-tinted lantern slide, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff. RIGHT: Mary Schäffer, *Lonicera Bractulata*, Fly honeysuckle, c.1896–1905, hand-tinted lantern slide, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff.



LEFT: Mary Schäffer, *Hiker picking flowers beneath Vice President and President*, c.1900–20, hand-tinted lantern slide, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff. RIGHT: Mary Schäffer, *Mary Schaffer with horse*, c.1907–11, hand-tinted lantern slide, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff.

In 1911, Schäffer published her best-known work, an illustrated travelogue of the 1907 and 1908 trips, as *Old Indian Trails: Incidents of Camp and Trail Life*. The hundred photographs in the book were taken by Schäffer and Adams, and



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Schäffer both narrated the tale and appeared as a character in the illustrations. She moved to Banff permanently in 1912 and continued to photograph and publish articles about the region.⁴

Michael Semak (1934, Welland, Ontario–2020, Oshawa, Ontario)



Untitled, January 1966

Gelatin silver print, 35.5 x 27.8 cm; image: 34.2 x 23 cm

CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

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Michael Semak (1934–2020) is best known for his intimate, intense documentary photographs from the 1960s and 1970s. In this untitled image, we see a young man comforting a long-haired seated figure. The man's head is bowed and his hands rest on her back and neck as she tilts her head into his chest. Only the location in which the photograph was taken gives us some context for this dramatic emotional encounter. Warrendale was an experimental institution outside of Toronto for the psychological treatment of children. Unlike earlier generations of documentary photographers, Semak's photographs do not seek to order the world or to advocate for specific causes. Instead, his goal was to "provoke, disturb, and enlighten."¹

As a leading figure among a younger generation of photographers who brought a distinctly subjective approach to documentary photography, Semak was in demand as a freelancer working for the National Film Board (NFB) and helped to shape the Still Photography Division's shift to a more modern style of photography under the direction of Lorraine Monk. In the midst of the social upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s, Semak found suitable photographic subjects in his own family and members of socially marginalized communities in Canada, and by travelling the world.



Michael Semak, *Children in Raincoats Blowing Bubbles*, Paris, France, 1967, gelatin silver print, 25 x 35.3 cm; image: 21.9 x 32.6 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. © Estate of Michael Semak / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

In 1969, the NFB published a series of photographs Semak made on a Canada Council-funded trip to Ghana in the wake of Ghana's independence from Britain, and the photo series won the NFB's Gold Medal. Many of his projects were commissioned by the NFB, although he also worked for major news publications like *Time*, *LIFE*, and *National Geographic*. As well, his work was published in photographic art magazines such as *Impressions* (Canada) and *Camera* (Switzerland). Semak taught at York University for three decades.

A collage of 18 small, square photographs arranged in four rows. The photos depict various outdoor scenes and people. Row 1: A close-up of a person's face, a person wearing glasses, and a close-up of a person's hair. Row 2: A hand holding a camera, a white building, a person in a field, a green plant, and red flowers. Row 3: A blue sky, green foliage, a person's head, a green plant, and red flowers. Row 4: A blue sky, a green plant, a blue sky, and a blue sky.

Raised in a tight-knit community of Ukrainian Canadian settlers in Saskatchewan, Semchuk creates work shaped by an interconnected sense of identity.¹ In the late 1970s she honed a working method that involves dialogue and cooperation with family members, including her parents, partner, and young daughter. Co-operative *Self-Portraits*, 1979-80, are as much about relationships as they are about their subjects. She also created a number of intense self-portraits, such as *Self-portrait Taken in Baba's Bedroom on the Day I Said Goodbye to Her, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, April 12, 1977*, which focus on her relationship to her family. These photographs all belong to her series *Excerpts from a Diary*, 1982, comprised of eighty-seven portraits and self-portraits that consider family

and mortality.² *Seeing My Father See His Own Death*, 1983, was created with her father and consists of nine prints showing glimpses of her father in a landscape exhibited tightly together in a line.



Sandra Semchuk, *Self-portrait Taken in Baba's Bedroom on the Day I Said Goodbye to Her, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, April 12, 1977*, April 12, 1977, gelatin silver print, 27.9 x 35.4 cm; image: 22.3 x 26.7 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Semchuk has also collaborated with her partner, James Nicholas (1947–2007), a Rock Cree writer from Nelson House, Manitoba, and in 1986, she was co-curator, with Brenda Mitten, of *Silver Drum*, an influential exhibition of Indigenous photography. Semchuk taught at Emily Carr University of Art + Design from 1987 to 2018 and received the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts in 2018.

Michael Snow (1928–2023, Toronto)



Four to Five, 1962, printed 1991

Sixteen gelatin silver prints, overall: 68 x 83.3 cm

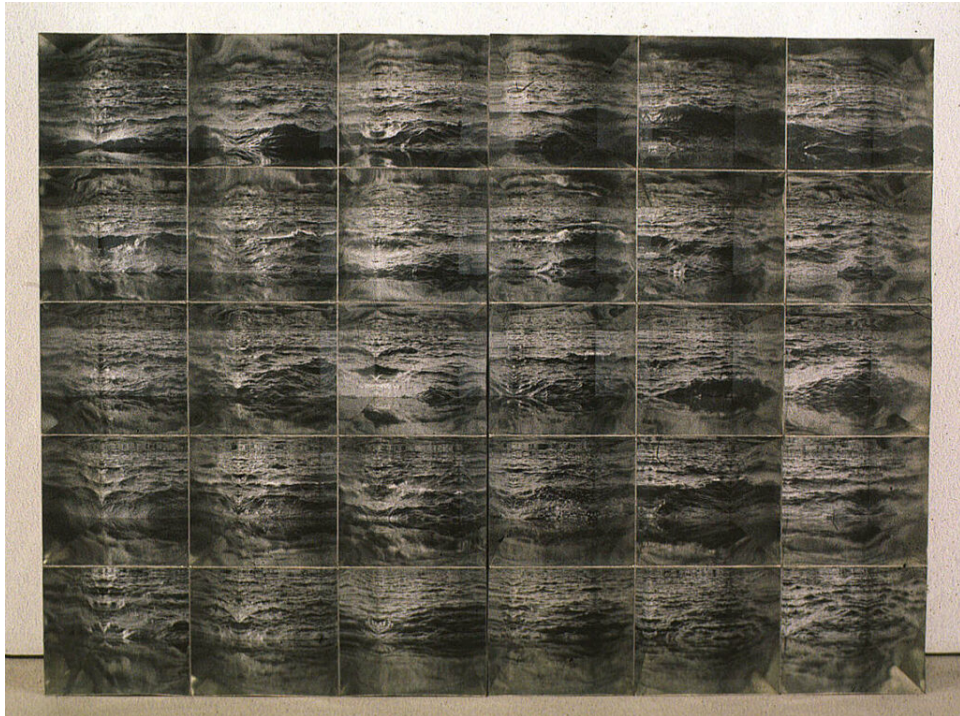
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

Michael Snow (1928–2023) is an internationally recognized artist who—although better known for his sculpture, painting, experimental film, and music—has also produced a significant body of work of photography. One of Snow's most famous projects, *Walking Woman*, 1961–67, was developed in New York and entailed placing large sculptural cut-outs of a female figure in public spaces. These two-dimensional objects were situated in a three-dimensional environment before being transformed again through photography. *Four to Five*, his first explicitly photographic work, consists of a grid of photographs of the *Walking Woman* in Toronto subway stations and streets and invites viewers to consider the effect of the motif in public space.¹ There is a narrative element to this work, as viewers tend to make connections between the frames in order to read them as a sequence.

Snow's work investigates how we perceive and represent the world, particularly in terms of space and time. Many of his sculptures offer frames for viewing and his films slow down the passage of time. In terms of photography, Snow questioned its relationship to realism and was more interested in how it warps our sense of the world, what he called "the stasis of the stopped-time photographic image," which distorts our experience of the world as much as it captures that experience.²

Initially trained in graphic design, as a young artist Snow was constantly expanding his technical and conceptual vocabulary. He read widely in art history, travelled to Europe in the 1950s, and moved to New York in the 1960s with his first wife, painter and fellow filmmaker Joyce Wieland (1930–1998).

Throughout the 1960s, Snow exhibited with the Isaacs Gallery in Toronto and became more involved with the gallery when he and Wieland moved back to Toronto in 1971. Over the course of his long career, Snow thwarted conventional expectations through the use of photographic books, grids, and series, as well as work that includes slides, light boxes, and holograms, often incorporating photographs into multimedia works and films. Snow's vast output has been exhibited around the world, including in the first solo exhibition at the Venice Biennale's Canada pavilion in 1970 and an exhibition of his early photo work at MoMA in 1976.³



Michael Snow, *Atlantic*, 1967, thirty gelatin silver prints, metal, wood, Arborite, 171.1 x 245.1 x 39.9 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Gabor Szilasi (b.1928, Budapest, Hungary)



King's Hall Building, 1231 Sainte-Catherine Street West, Montreal, 1979, printed 2012
Gelatin silver print, 27.5 x 35.2 cm
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

A depiction of a busy urban vista, *King's Hall Building* was part of an extensive survey of Sainte-Catherine Street in Montreal that Gabor Szilasi (b.1928) undertook in the late 1970s. Methodically and skillfully, he focused on the streetscape as it changed with the seasons and the times. Szilasi remarked that traces of human life interested him: “whether it’s architecture or interiors or just a street or sign. There has to be a connection between nature and man in my photographs.”¹ This emphasis on the connection between humans and the public and private spaces they inhabit has shaped his oeuvre for decades.

Born in Hungary, Szilasi began as an amateur photographer in Budapest, taking pictures of street scenes and later the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. These activities put him at risk and eventually he and his father emigrated and settled in Montreal in 1959; he did not return to Hungary until 1980. Szilasi worked for

the Office du film du Québec and was sent to photograph subjects around rural Quebec through the 1960s.² During the same period, he continued to make his own documentary work, creating personal photographs of his adopted city and portraits of friends and family that were first exhibited in 1967.

Szilasi was largely self-taught, though he sought out workshops and owned a large library of books on photography, including some on photographers who informed and shaped his practice, such as American Walker Evans (1903–1975). Although his early work was made with a 35mm camera, in 1970 Szilasi was awarded a Canada Council grant and shifted to using a large format 4 x 5 camera that rendered far more detail in the resulting images. He continued to travel through rural areas, seeking willing subjects, as seen in *Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Lessard, Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce*, 1973, and photographing inside and outside of buildings in black and white and sometimes colour.

Szilasi was particularly close to Sam Tata (1911–2005), who moved in the same Montreal art circles and served as a mentor. From 1972 to 1974, Szilasi was a member of the Group d'action photographique (GAP) and his extensive connections are evident in his photographs of the Montreal art scene. He taught photography at Concordia University from 1979 to 1995, and his work has been widely collected and exhibited.³



Gabor Szilasi, *Andrea Szilasi in her bedroom, Westmount, Quebec*, 1979, 1979, gelatin silver print and chromogenic print (Ektacolor), 35.3 x 27.8 cm each; image 1: 23.4 x 29.6 cm; image 2: 23.8 x 30 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Sam Tata (1911, Shanghai, China–2005, Sooke, British Columbia)



Angels, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Montreal, Quebec, 1962
Gelatin silver print, 29.2 x 36.8 cm; image: 22.6 x 34.1 cm
CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

Surrounded by quizzical children and their oblivious parents, the angels in the foreground of *Angels, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Montreal, Quebec* by Sam Tata (1911–2005) could hardly be less celestial. Taken in the early days of the Quiet Revolution, what Tata captured was a “decisive moment,” a phrase his mentor, the legendary French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson (1908–2004), applied to a fleeting image that fully represents a complex event.

Tata was born in Shanghai to Parsi parents who migrated from India to China before his birth. After attending university in Hong Kong, he became interested in photography in his mid-thirties. He joined a camera club, bought a Leica, and began to photograph the streets of the cosmopolitan city—*Street Conversation, Shanghai, 1938*, is an example of this body of work. When the Japanese occupation of China made public photography difficult, Tata turned to portraiture. His first exhibition in 1946 paired his Pictorialist portraits with landscapes by famed photographer Lang Jingshan (1892–1995). From 1946 to 1948, Tata lived and worked in India, where he met Cartier-Bresson, who had been sent by *LIFE* magazine to document India’s independence in 1947—he became Tata’s mentor, colleague, and lifelong friend.



LEFT: Sam Tata, *Street Conversation, Shanghai, 1938*, printed 1972, gelatin silver print, 17.7 x 27.8 cm; image: 16.5 x 24.2 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Sam Tata, *Cultural Parade with Posters of Mao Tse-Tung and Chu Te, July 4, 1949*, printed 1970, gelatin silver print, 50.8 x 40.6 cm; image: 34.4 x 22.5 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Tata returned to Shanghai in 1949 as the Communist takeover was in full swing, and he captured the events in images such as *Cultural Parade with Posters of Mao Tse-Tung and Chu Te, July 4, 1949*. He and his extended family fled to Hong Kong in 1952, and by 1956 Tata and his wife and daughter had left for Montreal. He smuggled his images of the revolution out of China through a diplomat, but customs censors seized many of his photographs of old Shanghai. This loss of early work was compounded when Tata later renounced his Pictorialist phase and destroyed many of his photographs.

In Canada, Tata worked steadily as a freelancer for the National Film Board and national and international magazines, where he often chafed at the need for his photographs to be tied to text and stories rather than allowing them to speak for themselves. He exhibited and later published his work from China and India and eventually found subjects for his street-focused photography in the various cultural and religious festivals in Quebec.

Tata is also known for his portraits of writers, artists, and performers, each one sensitively set in the subject's work space and posed with evidence of their profession, as can be seen in *Lucie Guannel, Singer, Montreal, Quebec, 1961*.¹ Many of these were commissioned by *Time* magazine and were later compiled as *A Certain Identity: 50 Portraits* (1983). Tata served as a mentor and friend to several photographers in Montreal, some of whom appear in his portraits, just as he appears often in the work of Nina Raginsky (b.1941) and Gabor Szilasi (b.1928).



Sam Tata, *Lucie Guannel, Singer, Montreal, Quebec, 1961*, printed 1968, gelatin silver print, 25.2 x 35.6 cm; image: 16 x 23.8 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Jeff Thomas (b.1956, Buffalo, New York)



Bear at Higgins Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1989
Gelatin silver print, 47.2 x 29.7 cm; image: 33 x 22.9 cm
CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

Jeff Thomas (b.1956), who identifies as urban Iroquois (Haudenosaunee), made a portrait of his son in 1989 that uses humour to critique Canada's colonial history. In the photo, Thomas's son Bear wears a T-shirt displaying a picture of Christopher Columbus under the statement, "Founder of the New World." Thomas and his son began these collaborative portraits in the 1980s, at a time when a generation of Indigenous artists in Canada were experimenting with postmodern critique as a form of activism. In The Bear Portraits series, Thomas photographed his son in a variety of urban locales, thereby asserting Indigenous agency in sites where it was absent and conveying the irony of contemporary Indigenous life in a settler-colonial state. Bear's very presence in the urban streetscape and at the base of historic monuments questions the legitimacy of settler culture and is a symbol of the ongoing vitality of Indigenous cultures.¹ These concerns have been at the heart of Thomas's art for over forty years, and his work is internationally recognized for its contributions to the process of decolonization.

Although he is now based in Ottawa, when Thomas was growing up, he spent time in the city of Buffalo, where he was born, and on the Six Nations of the Grand River (a First Nation community in southern Ontario). In the urban environment he encountered Indigenous cultures presented as relics of the past on monuments and in museums, but on Six Nations he learned about Haudenosaunee culture through stories and in daily life with members of the community.² Thomas's work explores this disjuncture and is a complex dialogue about historical and contemporary representations of Indigenous people.



LEFT: Jeff Thomas, *Bert General, my step-grandfather, husking white corn, Smooth Town, Six Nations Reserve*, 1980, gelatin silver print, dimensions variable. RIGHT: Jeff Thomas, *Holland Antiques, Buffalo, New York*, 1982.



Storytelling is also an essential feature of Thomas's work, and titles, captions, and narratives bring his photographs to life.³ His early work from the late 1970s and early 1980s focuses on Elders of Six Nations, honoured in images such as *Bert General, my step-grandfather, husking white corn, Smooth Town, Six Nations Reserve*, 1980. In these photographs, he explores the cultural principles he learned from these figures. The *Scouting for Indians* series is about looking for traces of Indigenous existence in the city, while the *Vanishing Race* series reflects on the stereotypical representations of Indigeneity that he encountered, as seen in *Holland Antiques, Buffalo, New York*, 1982. When discussing the series featuring his son Bear, Thomas explained, "I use Bear as a marker of Indian-ness by posing him in sites where it does not exist.... These photographs reflect an Indian-ness that anthropologists would not see as authentic, yet it is very real to me."⁴ In 2019, Thomas was a recipient of the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts.

William James Topley (1845, Montreal–1930, Vancouver)



LEFT: *Mrs. Juchereau de St. Denis Lemoine is dressed as "The Dominion of Canada,"*
March 1876

Wet collodion glass plate negative, 16.5 x 11.3 cm
Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa



RIGHT: *Mr. Juchereau de St. Denis Lemoine is dressed as "Jacques Cartier,"* March 1876

Wet collodion glass plate negative, 16.5 x 11.3 cm
Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

An elegant woman poses in an elaborate costume representing the Dominion of Canada, while her husband appears as Jacques Cartier, historically the first to 'discover' much of the country. This pair of portraits created by William James Topley (1845–1930) is part of a series of photographs taken to commemorate the first fancy dress ball in Canada, held in 1876 and hosted by the Governor General. The most successful photographer in Ottawa in the nineteenth century, Topley often captured government events, activities, or officials, but few commissions yielded images like these. Today Topley's work provides unparalleled insight into visual culture in Ottawa in the decades after Confederation.

Topley was born in Montreal but raised in Aylmer. When he was a teenager, his mother bought him a camera from William Notman (1826–1891), and she gave him a series of lessons.¹ After the family returned to Montreal a few years later, Topley apprenticed at Notman's studio. In 1868, on the heels of Confederation, Notman placed Topley in charge of the new Notman studio in Ottawa, which was prominently located across from the equally new Parliament Buildings. When Topley bought the studio in 1872 it was already attracting 2,300 sitters a year and he operated it continuously in various locations around the city until the 1920s. Although he focused mainly on elegant portraits, mostly of government figures, his studio also created and sold landscape views from across the country.

From Notman, Topley learned the technique and business value of making and selling composite photographs of large social events. He turned his Canadian costume portraits into an ambitious composition that represented the assembled party, and he also photographed the participants of skating carnivals, which were more common and accessible in the late nineteenth century. Those participants were often encouraged to dress in outlandish costumes.²

Topley was also commissioned by the government to photograph people in less celebratory and elite contexts. He is known for an 1895 series depicting female prisoners in Ottawa, which includes works like *Polly, an inmate at the Carleton County Gaol*, as well as a 1910 series recording immigrants arriving by boat in the port of Quebec, such as *Slavic Immigrants*, *Yanaluk Family*, *Quebec City*. Both projects capture the humanity of the sitters in difficult circumstances.

In 1936, the federal government purchased the holdings of the Topley Studio, including 150,000 negatives (both glass and nitrate) as well as the logbooks and business records. Not only has the Topley collection become a crucial tool for historians, it is also one of few extensive records internationally of a nineteenth-century photographic studio.



William James Topley, *Polly, an inmate at the Carleton County Gaol*, February 1, 1895, gelatin glass plate negative, 25.4 x 20.3 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Larry Towell (b.1953, Chatham-Kent, Ontario)



Guatemala. El Quiche. Nebaj (A soldier and a Catholic nun), 1988

Silver gelatin print

© Larry Towell / Magnum Photos

Since beginning his career as a freelance photojournalist in 1984, Larry Towell (b.1953) has photographed conflict and resistance movements, including in Afghanistan, Palestine, Ukraine, and Guatemala. In a 1988 photograph, a Catholic nun strides past a soldier who sits smoking, a weapon resting on his lap. The wooden frame of the army post divides the composition, visualizing the tension between the military and the Catholic church in Guatemala in the 1980s. Towell's work has received international recognition, and in 1988 he became the first Canadian member of the famed Magnum Photo agency.

Towell favours long-form investigative projects that allow him to connect with the people he photographs, and during the mid to late 1980s, he made numerous trips to Central America. In Nicaragua, he met civilians who had been persecuted by the United States-backed Contras and photographed victims of landmines. In El Salvador, he witnessed the interaction between civilians and FMLN (Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional) fighters. The Salvadoran army would bomb mountain villages to drive away the primarily Indigenous inhabitants who might aid the resistance. Thousands were killed, some were

imprisoned, and others were relocated to refugee camps. Towell's work from this period considers the impact of landlessness and the struggle for survival in a conflict zone. In Guatemala, he documented human rights abuses and the protest movement GAM (Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo or Mutual Support Group).¹ His book *House on Ninth Street* is a collection of photographs and interviews with relatives of the "disappeared," people presumed murdered by Guatemalan security forces.²



Larry Towell, *My oldest son Moses Towell eats a wild pear while Ann sits behind the wheel of a 1951 pickup truck. It's the family's only vehicle. I bought it as junk for \$200 and fixed it up on my own, 1983, silver gelatin print.* © Larry Towell / Magnum Photos.

Towell considers photography to be an integral part of his daily life, and in that spirit he has also photographed his family, who live on a farm in southwestern Ontario. Over the course of his career, he has published thirteen books, and his photo essays have appeared in publications such as the *New York Times Magazine*, *LIFE*, and *Rolling Stone*. He has won numerous awards, including the World Press award for photo of the year in 1994.

John Vanderpant (Jan van der Pant) (1884, Alkmaar, Netherlands–1939, Vancouver)



Temples of Today, c.1934

Black and white photo print, image: 30.6 x 42.4 cm; on support: 40.5 x 50.6 cm

Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

John Vanderpant's (1884–1939) *Temples of Today*, made near the end of his remarkable career, demonstrates his full embrace of modernism. The temples are massive, rounded shapes, but instead of ancient columns, they are industrial grain elevators rendered in stark light and shade and viewed through a screen of poles in the foreground. Images like this one earned Vanderpant great acclaim, including awards, membership in the Royal Photographic Society in Britain, as well as a solo exhibition at the Seattle Art Museum in 1934.

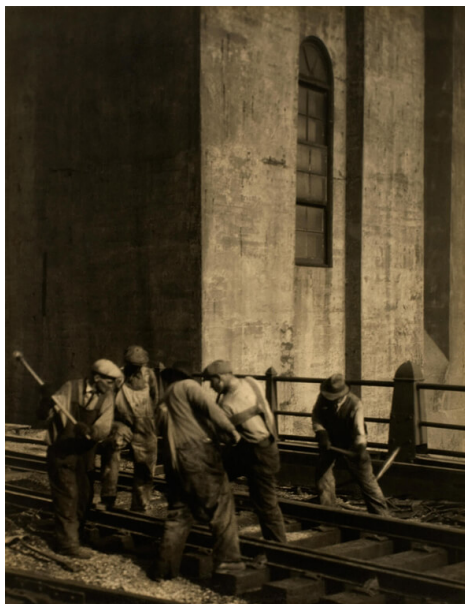
Born and raised in the Netherlands, Vanderpant immigrated to Canada in 1911. He settled first in Alberta, and then in New Westminster, British Columbia, in 1919. Although he had not received formal training in photography, he had already found some success as a photojournalist in the Netherlands.¹ In New Westminster he operated portrait studios specializing in Pictorialist work using soft-focus lenses, matte paper, and silver bromide printing to create rich, evocative portraits.

Vanderpant was committed to the artistic potential of photography and actively cultivated the photographic scene in Vancouver, founding both a camera club and an influential salon in New Westminster. He wrote about and lectured on art and photography and submitted his own photographs to exhibitions and journals.

In 1926, he joined forces with fellow photographer Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872–1970) to establish the Vanderpant Galleries, a studio and exhibition space, but the two parted ways soon after.

Under Vanderpant's direction the Vanderpant Galleries became a showcase for modern art, poetry, and music, frequently featuring local artists such as Emily Carr (1871–1945) and F.H. Varley (1881–1969), with whom he shared an interest in art and spirituality. The Vanderpant Galleries also presented substantive exhibitions of work by famed American modernists Edward Weston (1886–1958) and Imogen Cunningham (1883–1976). Vanderpant enjoyed lengthy correspondence with both these photographers² and these international modernist connections may have influenced his stylistic shift away from Pictorialism after 1925.

In 1930, Vanderpant accepted a commission from the Canadian Pacific Railway to photograph along the route from Vancouver to Quebec City—*Untitled (Union Station I)*, 1930, and *Builders*, c.1930, were taken as part of this project. Archivist Jill Delaney argues that this set of modernist, sometimes almost abstract,



LEFT: John Vanderpant, *Builders*, c.1930, gelatin silver print, 34.3 x 26.7 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: John Vanderpant, *No.2, Towers in White*, c.1934, gelatin silver print, image: 34.4 x 27 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.



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images of Canadian architecture can be read as a collective effort in nation building, inviting viewers to see Canada as a dynamic, industrializing, modern nation.³ Notwithstanding this achievement, Vanderpant's final years were significantly compromised by poor health and the Depression, and for years his work lay buried. In 1976 a retrospective at the National Gallery of Canada initiated a reassessment of his major contributions to photography and art.

Jeff Wall (b.1946, Vancouver)



The Destroyed Room, 1978
Transparency in lightbox, 159 x 229 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

The Destroyed Room, a seminal early work by Jeff Wall (b.1946), alludes to nineteenth-century history painting, specifically *The Death of Sardanapalus*, 1827, by Eugène Delacroix (1798–1863), which presents the defeat of an Assyrian monarch as an Orientalist spectacle. Wall's reference to and reinterpretation of history painting works on multiple levels, at once staging destruction for aesthetic pleasure and asking spectators to consider their voyeuristic relation to representations of disaster. His photographs are often inspired by episodes from daily life or by other artworks, and unlike documentary photographs that portray a fragment of an event or narrative, they appear complete in themselves. Wall has achieved international acclaim and is one of the most prominent artists associated with Vancouver photo-conceptualism.

Wall is known for his large-scale backlit colour transparencies displayed in light boxes, a format he began working with in the late 1970s as he turned away from Conceptual art and engaged with the theatricality of television, advertising, and

commercial window display.¹

During this period, he also developed a concept of cinematic tableau to structure his work.

In the 1980s, Wall began to construct vignettes that appear real to explore situations or experiences that defy photographic representation. This includes works such as *Mimic*, 1982, which addresses the subtle dynamics of racism, and *Milk*, 1984, a

consideration of social exclusion that uses spilled milk to convey distress.²

Trained as an art historian, Wall has written about the work of other artists and has talked extensively about his own work. His essays and interviews convey his philosophical interests and have shaped the way critics and curators have interpreted his art.³ Wall taught at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Simon Fraser University, and the University of British Columbia, where he was a full professor until his retirement in 1999, and he influenced a generation of artists, including Ken Lum (b.1956). In 2007 Wall was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, and he received the Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts in 2008.



LEFT: Jeff Wall, *Mimic*, 1982, transparency in lightbox, 198 x 228.6 cm, Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation, Toronto. RIGHT: Jeff Wall, *Milk*, 1984, transparency in lightbox, 187 x 229 cm, Museum of Modern Art, New York, courtesy of the artist.

Ian Wallace (b.1943, Shoreham, England)



Poverty with Orange, 1987

Photo laminate and acrylic on canvas, 152 x 152 cm

The Freybe Collection, Vancouver

In *Poverty Image with Orange*, 1987, Ian Wallace (b.1943) juxtaposed what looks like a historical photograph of a street scene beside a flat band of orange acrylic and above a square of beige. Like other works in the Poverty series, the aesthetic arrangement explores the tension between representation and abstraction by reusing a set of staged images Wallace created to represent social issues.¹ Wallace is a key figure in Vancouver photo-conceptualism and one of Canada's most internationally celebrated artists.

Born in England but raised in British Columbia, he studied art history and theory at the University of British Columbia (UBC) before turning to Conceptual art in the late 1960s.² As a student, Wallace was involved in many aspects of Vancouver's artistic scene. Not only did he play music, but he also found some success as a painter and a poet. In the collages, serial installations, and photographic projections that followed, Wallace interrogated the relationships between photography and painting, language, and film.

Wallace's work often considers the ways in which our experience of the city and its spaces is mediated through photography. In one image from his series *Street Reflections*, 1970–2007, five black and white prints form a tall, vertical arrangement on the wall. Each image is taken from the same angle, the frame split between a shop window on the right and, on the left, a different moment on the street, reflected in the shop window. In his efforts to explore the power of the image, Wallace began to use large-scale photographic prints in the 1970s, before the practice became widespread in contemporary art. He has also used colour film in addition to the more traditionally artistic black and white as part of a wider engagement with colour that includes hand-colouring of prints and integrating monochromatic blocks of paint alongside photographs, as seen in works such as *At the Crosswalk I*, 1988.



Ian Wallace, *Street Reflections* (detail), 1970–91, gelatin silver print, 40.1 x 60.1 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.



LEFT: Ian Wallace, *Street Reflections*, 1970/2007, five black and white photographs with Plexiglas, 203 x 51 cm, Catriona Jeffries Gallery, Vancouver. Photo: Achim Kulkulies. RIGHT: Ian Wallace, *At the Crosswalk I*, 1988, photo laminate with acrylic on canvas, 496 x 279 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

As a prolific writer and the subject of myriad interviews, essays, and books, Wallace has shaped how we understand postmodern art, Vancouver photo-conceptualism, and his own work.³ A professor at UBC and at the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr University of Art + Design), Wallace influenced several generations of artists, including Jeff Wall (b.1946), Stan Douglas (b.1960), Rodney Graham (1949–2022), and Ken Lum (b.1956).

Margaret Watkins (1884, Hamilton, Ontario–1969, Glasgow, Scotland)



The Kitchen Sink, c.1919
Palladium print, 21.3 x 16.4 cm
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa

The iconic photograph *The Kitchen Sink* by Margaret Watkins (1884–1969) is a beautiful image of a mess that integrates the soft focus and warm tones of Pictorialism with the dynamic composition and embrace of utilitarian subjects in modernism. The platinum process produced rich and soft grey tones and edges to the print, as opposed to the starker lines and tones of the more modern silver gelatin process. Overall, this striking work echoes how Watkins sought to balance tensions in her own photography and her brief but stellar career.

Watkins grew up in an affluent and cultured family that encouraged her artistic interests. She may have begun learning about photography from her uncle, who was active in the local camera club. However, the family fortunes changed dramatically when she was a teenager and the family struggled for several years. Just after her twenty-fourth birthday, Watkins declared in a notebook, “I am nearly domesticated to death.”¹ She promptly left her family home to work at a series of progressive arts camps in the northeastern United States. It was in this experimental context that she studied photography, starting with landscapes and figures, before turning to the still life compositions that would define her career.²

Like so many Canadian artists who would follow, she eventually made her way to New York City, where she attended the renowned Clarence H. White School of Photography. Watkins was a star student turned teacher, and famed photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White (1904–1971) was among her pupils. In her artistic practice, Watkins exhibited signed prints like *The Kitchen Sink* in a range of prominent galleries in New York and around the world, and photographs such as *Domestic Symphony*, 1919, and *Design-Angles*, 1919, were widely admired. However, at the same time, she also worked as a commercial photographer, creating high-profile advertisements for products as disparate as soap, cheese, and luggage.



LEFT: Margaret Watkins, *Domestic Symphony*, 1919, palladium print, 21.2 x 16.4 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Margaret Watkins, *Design-Angles*, 1919, gelatin silver print, 15.6 x 20.6 cm, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas (P1983.41.3).

Watkins eventually grew disenchanted with the competitive New York photography scene, so she travelled to Europe and then moved to Glasgow in 1928 to help care for her elderly aunts. She was elected an Associate member of the Royal Photographic Society and participated in a group photographic trip to the Soviet Union in 1933. She continued to make photographs through the 1930s, but these were seen only in local exhibitions.³

Just before she died in 1969, Watkins gave a box to her neighbour and friend, Joseph Mulholland. When he finally opened it, some years after Watkins's death, he was shocked to find a trove of prints with gallery stickers from

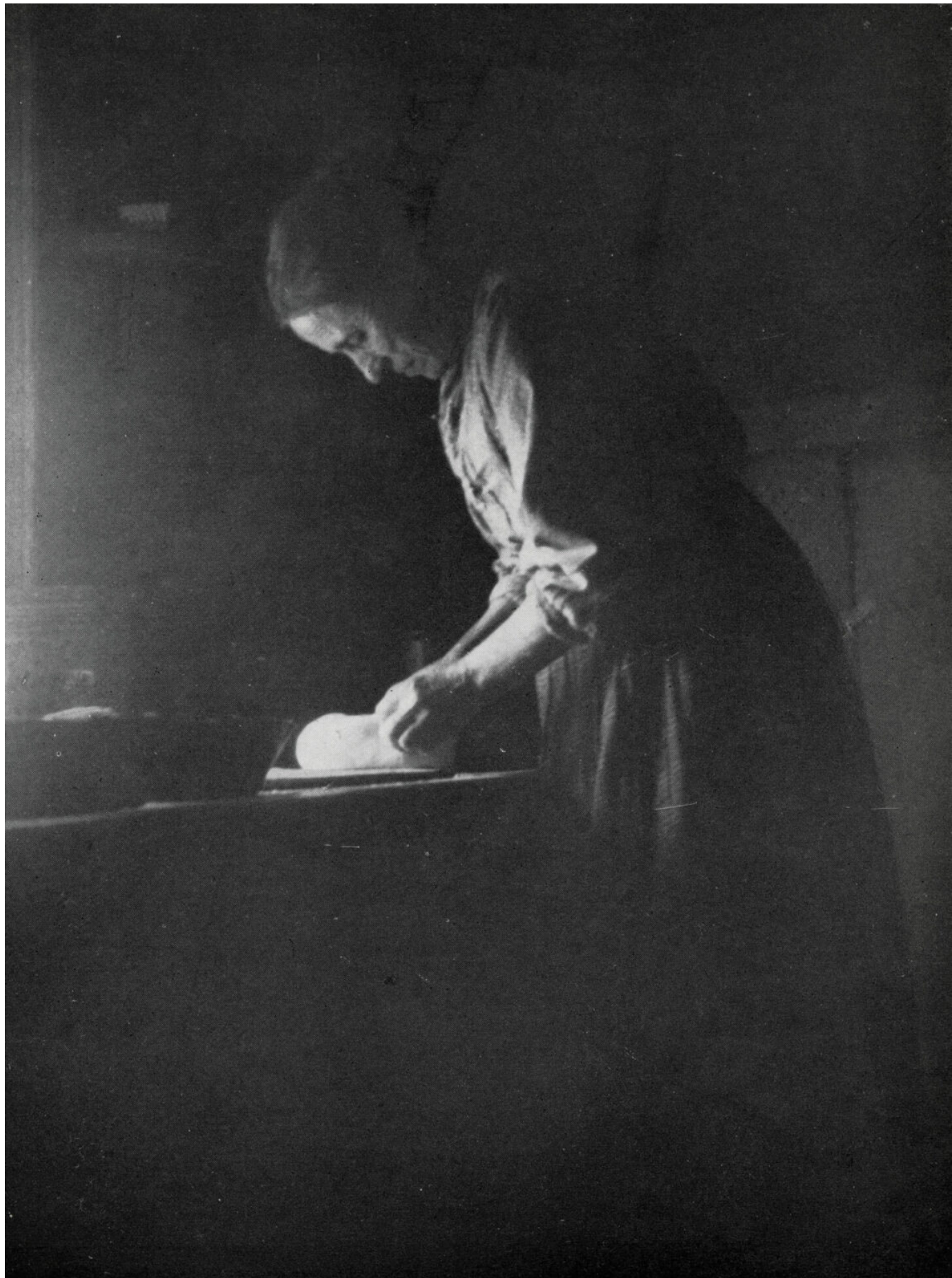


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numerous countries. In their decades of friendship, Watkins had never mentioned photography. Although she did not return to live in Canada, Watkins's work and her legacy inevitably circled back to her home. Throughout her life she kept up correspondence with Canadian friends and family, and these letters are now archived at McMaster University.

Edith S. Watson (1861, East Windsor Hill, Connecticut–1943, St. Petersburg, Florida)



Canada, "the Bread-Mother" of the World, 1922
From Victoria Hayward, *Romantic Canada* (1922)

In both title and its use of theatrical lighting, *Canada, "the Bread-Mother" of the World*, elevates the daily act of making bread. This photograph is among dozens of aestheticized images of rural labour created by Edith Watson (1861–1943). The photograph was published in *Romantic Canada* (1922), a book Watson developed in collaboration with journalist Victoria Hayward, her partner in work and life. Featuring seventy-seven halftone reproductions of Watson's photographs, the book portrays Canada in a series of idyllic pre-industrial scenes that are unusual for highlighting women's contributions to rural communities.¹

Watson grew up in Connecticut and likely learned photography from her uncle, a botanist, but found modest success as a watercolourist before embarking on her photography career. She began travelling to Newfoundland, at the time a British colony, in the early 1890s and later travelled to other parts of North America.² Her first significant photographic commission was to contribute photographs for a travel narrative about Nova Scotia by author Margaret Morley.³ Each year for forty years, Watson returned to Canada for extended stays to photograph rural life across the country. She was particularly interested in the regions of Newfoundland and Labrador and the subject of women at work, a theme she also pursued when she lived with and photographed the Doukhobors in British Columbia over the course of three summers in the late 1910s.⁴



LEFT: Edith S. Watson, *Rural scene, Île d'Orléans, QC*, c.1925, silver salts and coloured ink on glass, gelatin dry plate process, 8.2 x 10.1 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. RIGHT: Edith S. Watson, *View of Iceberg*, August 16–23, 1913, gelatin silver print, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Photographically, Watson's strengths lay in composition and lighting, and she adapted stylistic elements of Pictorialism to create romanticized views of women's domestic labour. Apparently, she never liked her Leica, but preferred simple box cameras that were easier to cart on her journeys even if the glass plates remained a burden to transport.

Determined to make a living from travel photography, Watson produced photographs that appealed to urban middle-class anglophone readers, and she sold her work to a wide range of magazines and publications, including



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Chatelaine, *Maclean's*, the *Canadian Magazine*, *National Geographic*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*, as well as governments and advertisers. She would also trade her prints for goods and services, including rail tickets and photography supplies. She was passionate about her work and insisted on being credited for her images when this was uncommon in mass media. She also declined invitations to publish her photographs in art journals and exhibitions as she would not be remunerated. However, Watson was also generous in sharing copies of her photographs with her subjects, and these images have made their way through families and into public collections.⁵



Institutions

From museums, government, and corporate archives to illustrated magazines, artist-run organizations, and educational settings, institutions shape how we see, value, and understand photography in Canada. But many social, political, and economic factors also influence who becomes a photographer, what gets photographed, and whose work is published and exhibited. Any history of photography should consider how photographers learn their craft, choose their subjects, and show their work. Many of the institutions discussed here are transnational; they are large and small, formal and informal, but they all influenced the development of photography in distinctive and important ways.

1840s–1880s: Building a Professional Foundation

As soon as Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre (1787–1851) announced the daguerreotype process in 1839, writers and editors of newspapers and scientific journals were eager to spread information about photography. Only a decade later, photo-specific journals began to appear in Europe, the United Kingdom, and the United States—and reached many avid readers and contributors in Canada. Initially, these publications were directed at professional photographers and scientifically inclined amateurs. Often they reprinted articles from newspapers and other journals to keep readers abreast of the latest techniques and do-it-yourself formulas, provided sources for ordering materials and equipment, and offered examples of innovative business models. These journals would go on to publish texts submitted by practitioners as well as scientists and suppliers, who all had a stake in the development of the photographic arts.

At this time, safety was a major issue for the nascent profession that crossed national borders, and the journals were an important source of information for photographers. In 1852, an issue of the *Photographic Art Journal* noted that a New York daguerreotypist named Jeremiah Gurney was so unwell from mercury poisoning that his life was in danger. The editor noted that this was the fourth such incident they had heard of in two years and that it was crucial for photographers to be familiar with potential risks and to know how to mitigate possible dangers.¹



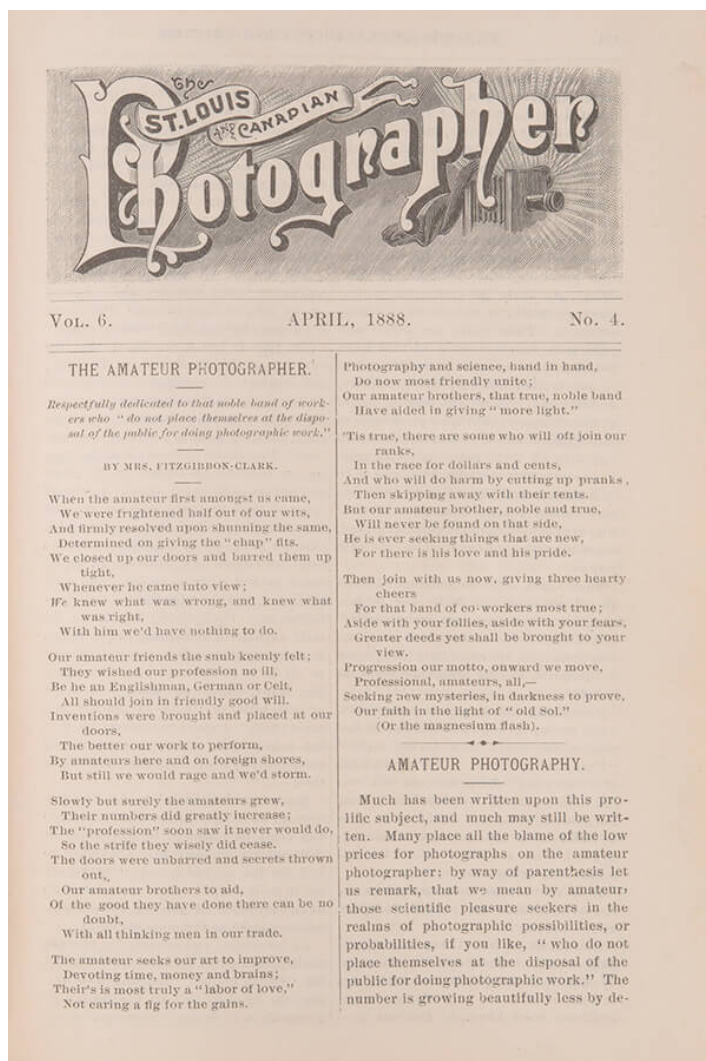
James Inglis, *Right Still Now*, frontis to *The Philadelphia Photographer* 3, no. 35 (November 1866).

Journal editors were also some of the earliest arbiters of photographic quality and professionalism, as they decided whose work to feature and what issues in the field were worthy of debate. William Notman (1826–1891), a canny studio owner, advertised in a range of publications and forged a close friendship with Edward L. Wilson, founder and editor of *The Philadelphia Photographer*, who regularly praised and promoted Notman's work in print.² Wilson's journal was also one of the first to circulate photographic prints before they could be integrated into the text, and he featured the work of Montreal photographer James Inglis (1835–1904) three times in the late 1860s. In a playful image designed to appeal to his fellow photographers, Inglis positions a jovial baby as the camera operator surrounded by the props and headrests of studio work.

Journals also showcased innovative commercial ventures. In the late 1880s, Hannah Maynard (1834–1918) wrote letters and regularly sent examples of her "Gems," her studio shots of children, to the *St. Louis and Canadian*

Photographer, run by Mrs. Fitzgibbon-Clark. This journal celebrated Maynard's "beautiful" and "increasing family" of children's photographs, approving of both the photos and what was deemed Maynard's appropriately feminine focus.³

Although there were sporadic efforts to establish Canadian photography journals in the nineteenth century, they never achieved the number of subscriptions necessary to survive. The *Canadian Photographer* lasted just a few issues in the late 1880s before it was incorporated into the *St. Louis Photographer*.



LEFT: Cover page from *The St. Louis and Canadian Photographer* (St. Louis, MO, United States) Volume 6, Issue 4, April 1888, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, New York. RIGHT: Hannah Maynard, *British Columbia Gems of the Year 1883, 1884*, black and white glass plate negative, 16.5 x 21.5 cm, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria. Depicted is a composite photo made from the children's portraits taken the previous year (1883) and at centre are the Gems of 1881 and 1882.

Even after Confederation, in 1867, the development of professional photographic communities in Canada tended to be regional rather than national. Transcripts from the fifth annual meeting of the American National Photographic Society in Buffalo, in 1873, indicate that several Canadians were members and attended.⁴ In 1889, *Anthony's Photographic Bulletin* (New York), which included lists of amateur and professional photographic societies, recorded Canadian photography groups alongside American ones. Photographic societies of the British Isles and British colonies were listed separately. Although Canada and Australia were still British colonies at the time, the transnational development of North American photography eclipsed political accuracy.⁵ Even though these early journals and associations were located outside of the shifting boundaries of nineteenth-century Canada, they

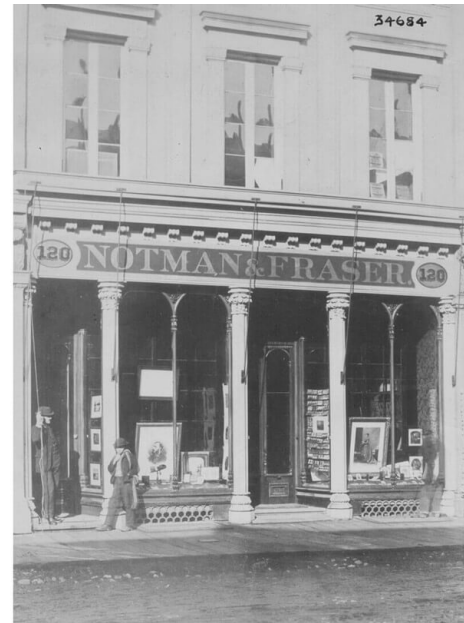
provided crucial opportunities for Canadian photographers to hone their craft and build community.

1850s–1890s: The Rise of Exhibition Venues

Until the arrival of halftone printing at the end of the nineteenth century, the only way to publish photographs together with text was through engravings made after photographs or through the expensive process of pasting in photographic prints. As a result, proponents of the early print culture of photography directed readers to galleries and venues where they could see photographs firsthand. The first mention of a Canadian exhibition venue shows up in the New York-based *Photographic Art Journal* in October 1851, only a few months after the journal's first issue. The announcement read that "[Donald] McDonell, of Buffalo, has established a gallery in Toronto... where he is teaching the people to appreciate fine specimens of his art."⁶



LEFT: Notman & Sandham, *Notman & Sandham's Room, Windsor Hotel, Montreal, QC, 1878*, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, 10 x 8 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. RIGHT: William Notman, *Notman & Fraser Photographic Studio, Toronto, ON, 1868*, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, 17.8 x 12.7 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.



The owners of commercial studios, such as William Notman, not only generated the majority of photographs, sold equipment, and provided instruction, but their studios also served as important exhibition spaces on the street and in the interior reception spaces. A photograph of the Notman & Fraser premises shows a myriad of samples of the studio's work displayed in frames and albums. And as these entrepreneurs drummed up business, they were also helping to guide the public's taste and appreciation of this new art form. Photographers placed ads in newspapers encouraging readers to stop by and peruse the samples of a studio's work and the stock images they had for sale. Flattering portraits of well-known figures in storefronts and reception rooms demonstrated both the photographer's skills and prestige to clients and served as a steady form of income for the studio. Interspersed in studio displays were other photographs, mainly landscape or wildlife images either in the form of postcards or stereographs. These photographs were especially popular with tourists and visitors, so studios kept a supply on hand. While larger studios such as those run by George William Ellisson (1827–c.1879) and Louis-Prudent Vallée (1837–1905) made their own stereo views, most smaller studios sold views made by other photographers.



Louis-Prudent Vallée, *La Porte Saint-Louis, Québec*, c.1879-90, stereograph, albumen silver print, 8.8 x 17.7 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.

In the United States and Europe, photographic exhibitions were integrated into world's fairs and industrial exhibitions beginning in the 1850s. Photographers based in the colonies were typically a small segment of these events, but their landscape views provided crucial visual evidence of the European imperial expansion these events sought to celebrate.⁷ At a Dublin exhibition in 1865, a submission of photographs by the Quebec Board of Works won an honourable mention alongside Notman and Alexander Henderson (1831-1913).⁸ Although these fairs were temporary, they were well attended and diligently covered by the daily press and photographic journals. Photographers who won prizes at these events increased both their profile and the appetite for their work with locals and visitors. Jules-Isaïe Benoît Livernois (1830-1865) of the Livernois Studio (1854-1979) also submitted a collection of Quebec views to the same exhibition.⁹

The cost of showing work at international exhibitions was beyond the reach of most early photographers, but some Canadians regularly sent submissions to these large fairs. Notman won a gold medal for "excellence in an extensive series of photographs" at the London International Exhibition of 1862, a massive demonstration of the fruits of the Industrial Revolution organized by the Society of Arts, Manufactures and Trade.¹⁰ Francis Claudet (1837-1906), who was living in British Columbia at that time, also received an honourable mention, for his views of New Westminster. Claudet was an accomplished amateur photographer—a practice he learned from his father, Antoine, a professional daguerreotypist who served on the jury for the exhibition.



William England, *Interior view of the International Exhibition, London, 1862*, photograph, dimensions undefined, Science Museum Group, London.

As the economy in Canada grew, so did local fairs. The Livernois family's studio exhibited several photographs in the 1871 Quebec Provincial Exhibition, and Vallée drew attention to his contributions in an advertisement in the bilingual guide for visitors.¹¹ In 1890, Regina's newspaper the *Leader* celebrated an exhibition of over fifty prints by studio photographer W.F.B. Jackson at the

Seventh Exhibition of the Assiniboia Agricultural Society.¹² Jackson's focus was portraiture and the newspaper listed the local luminaries whose photographs he put on display at the fair alongside exhibitions of quilts and Indigenous crafts.



Livernois & Bienvenu (Élise L'Heureux/Livernois and Louis Fontaine/Bienvenu), *Patin et raquette sur le Saint-Laurent, Québec, c.1870*, gelatin silver print, 12 x 18.7 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.

Early public exhibitions in studios and at fairs offered a wide range of photographs to viewers and served as a form of both entertainment and edification. As more exhibition venues emerged in the coming years, their role in cultivating interest in making and collecting photographs expanded.

1890s–1970s: Camera Clubs and Communities of Practice

The advent of the snapshot camera dramatically shifted the structure of photographic communities and led to a burst of amateur activity across Canada. The most popular of these cameras was the Kodak, released by George Eastman in 1888. This camera was simple, and reflecting the attitudes of the time, Kodak's ads promised "even women and children could use it." Although earlier professional networks had emerged through commercial studios, aided by newspapers and journals, the arrival of the new cameras prompted professional photographers and the serious amateurs who wanted to distinguish themselves from those taking casual snapshots to refine the practice of photography through the creation of camera clubs.

In the early twentieth century, camera clubs were common in urban centres. They were modelled on amateur photographic societies in the United States and the United Kingdom and quickly became key sites where enthusiasts could gather to study and share their interest in photography. The first clubs in

Canada included the Quebec Amateur Photographers' Association (1884–86), the Quebec Camera Club (1887–96), and the Montreal Camera Club (established 1890). In Ontario, the Toronto organization was founded in 1887 and changed names twice before settling on the Toronto Camera Club in 1891.¹³ Not long after, camera clubs were also formed in Hamilton and Ottawa. Although the Ontario and Montreal clubs are still in operation, many early clubs are not, including those in Winnipeg, Saint John, Halifax, and Vancouver, making it hard for scholars to capture the full spectrum of their activities because the records no longer exist or are not accessible.



Edwin Haynes, *Toronto Camera Club*, c.1900–18, glass plate negative.

With few options available for formal training in Canada, camera clubs played a major role in photographic study, experimentation, and networking, and they provided spaces where members could discuss each other's prints. Monthly critiques played an important role in the technical and stylistic development of club members. In the smaller clubs, photographers were often assigned a single subject matter or genre to produce work for evaluation. But in the larger organizations, such as the Toronto Camera Club, members could submit their work under traditional exhibition categories, such as portraiture, genre, still life, architecture, landscape and marine, natural history and scientific, as well as special topics, with awards given to members for the best work.¹⁴ For instance, Arthur Goss (1881–1940) won a bronze medal in the landscape category for his photograph *The Bluffs*, c.1918.¹⁵ Larger clubs also often facilitated lectures, organized group outings to local vistas, and provided access to equipment, darkrooms, enlarging and printing rooms, studio space, and photography reference books and periodicals.



Arthur Goss, *The Bluffs, Toronto*, c.1918, gelatin silver print, 20.7 x 16.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Camera clubs were not just instructional; they were also social. Through these clubs, amateur photographers could learn from professionals, members could expand their networks, and all could keep an eye on emerging trends and styles. The members often represented the social networks of the time and occasionally functioned as an indication of socio-economic class. The clubs in Quebec were almost entirely made up of English-speaking members, perhaps

due to the propensity for English Canadians to form clubs in general, but also because of differences in religion, socio-economic background, and education.¹⁶ Similarly, Japanese Canadian photographers and enthusiasts founded a camera club in Vancouver, likely because they were not welcome in the ones founded by white settlers in that time.¹⁷

Women were accepted in photography clubs from the beginning and were often awarded prizes at club competitions, and sometimes made appearances on the executive committees.¹⁸ However, the rising professionalism in the field would limit and shape women's roles. The membership of women was not without controversy, and they were not always afforded full member benefits. The Toronto Camera Club, for example, included women as full members in its 1889 constitution, but continuously debated women's membership status until 1942, when women were finally confirmed as active members with the same privileges as men.¹⁹



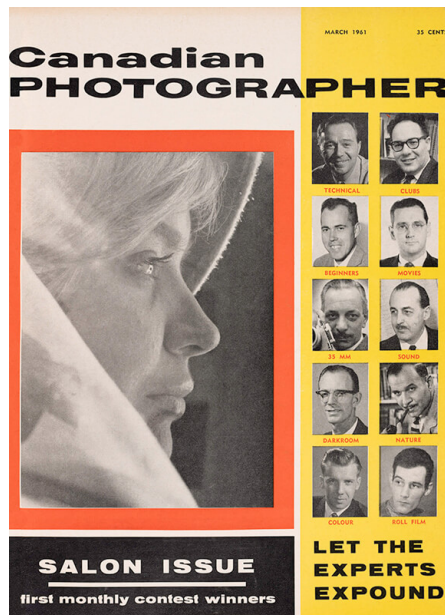
LEFT: Shokichi Akatsuka, *Yamato (Shashin Kenkukan) Photographers Club*, August 1, 1915, gelatin silver print, Nikkei National Museum, Burnaby. RIGHT: *James Ballantyne (extreme left) with members of the Ottawa Camera Club*, c.1895, photographer unknown, black and white negative, 12 x 19 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Although local photography clubs continued to operate after the Second World War, popular magazines like the *Canadian Photographer* offered instruction and community for a wide range of aspiring photographers, from amateur wildlife enthusiasts to commercial practitioners. Alongside ads for camera equipment, the magazine conveyed rules for best practices, celebrated technical skill over experimentation, and offered monthly illustrated how-to guides for photographing subjects such as sailboats, the Rockies (even through a car, train, or plane window), kittens, and children. The practical advice, reviews of equipment, and exemplary images in *Canadian Photographer* reflected the interests and work of both amateurs and commercial photographers, particularly those in advertising and portraiture.

Hints of more experimental approaches are evident in this magazine, but these were often made in the context of how to “tastefully” photograph the female nude, such as through non-transparent glass. The magazine’s cover from March 1961 lays bare the stark gender and racial politics. On the left is an artistically lit photograph of a woman’s face and on the right are headshots of ten men, the photographic experts who “expound” in this issue. In this configuration, women’s bodies are normalized as subjects for men to look at and photograph—

and these men are almost exclusively white, and their views are elevated and justified as those of the expert or connoisseur. This organization of photographic power not only reflects amateur photography circles or popular culture, but also the norm across all areas of photographic practice from commercial to artistic, a fact that would galvanize the social upheavals of the 1960s.

With the integration of photography into the field of contemporary art and a turn to socially engaged practice, photographers including Claire Beaugrand-Champagne (b.1948), Carole Condé (b.1940) and Karl Beveridge (b.1945), Angela Grauerholz (b.1952), and many others formed communities and networks not through clubs but around galleries, art schools, and later artist-run institutions and publications.



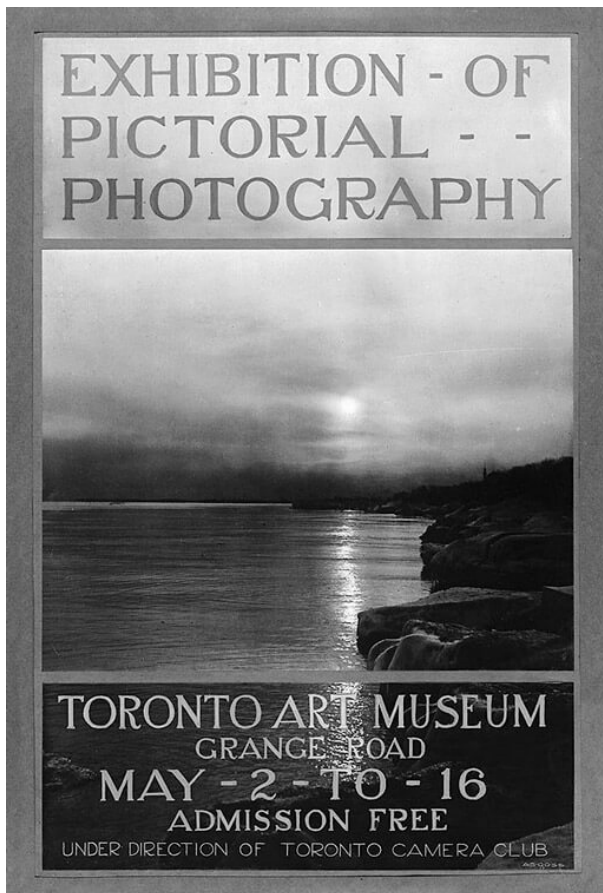
LEFT: Cover of *Canadian Photographer*, March 1961, Toronto Public Library.

RIGHT: Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge, *No Immediate Threat*, 1986, Cibachrome, 40.6 x 50.8 cm, Collection of the artists. © Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge / CARCC Ottawa 2023.



1890s–1950s: Exhibitions as Spaces of International Exchange

From their earliest days, competitive exhibitions sponsored by large camera clubs provided members with the opportunity to gain public acclaim and prizes, including club medals or equipment donated by photo supply dealers. These competitions also familiarized members with the work of national and international amateur and professional photographers.²⁰ When Mathilde Weil (1872–1942) of Philadelphia won both a gold and a bronze medal at the 1898 Toronto exhibition, it made headline news in the *Toronto Mail*: “Lady Takes First Place. Miss Weil’s Success at the Camera Club’s Exhibition.”²¹ To make the most of these competitions, participants often submitted prints to various exhibitions. For instance, Sidney Carter (1880–1956) submitted his Pictorialist work *Evening Sunset on Black Creek*, c.1900–01, to multiple venues; it was exhibited at the Philadelphia Salon in 1901 and was awarded the members’ gold medal at the 1902 Toronto Camera Club exhibition.²²



LEFT: Arthur Goss, *Poster for Exhibition of Pictorial Photography in conjunction with Toronto Camera Club, 1917*, City of Toronto Archives.
RIGHT: Clifford M. Johnston, *Second Canadian International Salon of Photography, view of the exhibition room, National Gallery of Canada, 1935*, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Exhibitions were an important way for camera clubs to forge connections between photographic communities. The Toronto Camera Club's first International Salon in 1903, coordinated by Carter, was instrumental in exposing the public to eminent Pictorialists like Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946), who sent thirty prints from the loan collection of the Photo-Secession, an organization based in New York.²³

A photograph from 1927 shows jurors of an International Pictorial Photographic Salon held on the West Coast, including New Westminster-based H.G. Cox (1885–1972), John Vanderpant (1884–1939) of Vancouver, Victoria studio photographer Harry Knight (1873–1973), and Dr. Kyo Koike (1878–1947), one of the founders of the Seattle Camera Club, just across the border.

Camera club exhibitions in the 1930s laid the groundwork for the first museum exhibitions of photography in Canada. Following his Pictorialist-heavy exhibition for the Toronto Camera Club, Carter curated the first Pictorialist



John Vanderpant, H.G. Cox, Dr. Kyo Koike, and Harry Knight (Judges at International Pictorial Salon), 1927, photographer unknown, courtesy of the Cox family.

exhibition at the Art Association of Montreal (now the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts) in 1907, showing works by Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872–1970) and Arthur Goss among others.²⁴ By the 1940s, the photography exhibitions at the association were organized by the Montreal Camera Club.²⁵

In conjunction with the Ottawa Camera Club, the National Gallery of Canada (NGC) hosted the Canadian International Salon of Photographic Art from 1934 to 1939. Curator Andrea Kunard notes that National Gallery funding for touring exhibitions meant that “photographs by camera club members could be seen at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Edmonton Museum of Fine Arts, as well as other venues.”²⁶ Kunard also points out that photography was appealing to the NGC because all the institutions were labouring under budget cuts, and photography was simply less expensive to prepare, ship, and exhibit than other art forms.

In the early part of the twentieth century, the eclectic group of photography exhibitions included those held in salons, commercial galleries, and photo studios. This last category included smaller rural studios like that of C.D. Hoy (1883–1973), located in his general store in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, where the samples of his work would have been found beside postcards and other goods for sale. These scattered early exhibitions rarely generated prominence for individual photographers or a clear direction for photography, but they did help to foster critical discussion and wider interest.



C.D. Hoy, *Self Portrait in His Store*, date unknown, Barkerville Historic Town Archives.

In the 1930s, museums across Canada began to curate solo exhibitions of work by select photographers. The Vancouver Art Gallery's 1932 exhibition of Vanderpant's work was a serious boost to his career. In 1935, the Art Gallery of Ontario held a memorial exhibition of work by M.O. Hammond (1876–1934),

followed by an exhibition of plant studies by E. Haanel Cassidy (1903–1980) in 1938.²⁷

1951: Public Funding for Photography

After the Second World War, the Canadian government initiated a Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters, and Sciences (also known as the Massey Commission) in an effort to produce a coherent government policy for the arts and culture sector. The resulting Massey Report of 1951 offered an extensive analysis of Canada's cultural life, along with a set of recommendations, and this led to an exponential increase in funding and opportunities for photography in Canada. The establishment of the Canada Council for the Arts in 1957 provided funding to artists, arts publishers, artist-run centres, and galleries and museums to facilitate travelling exhibitions across the country. The report also celebrated and called for increased support of more directly nationalistic endeavours, such as the photographic work of the National Film Board (NFB).



F.C. Tyrell, *Filmstrip Section*, National Film Board of Canada, February 1945, black and white negative, 8.3 x 10.8 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

Although government agencies had been commissioning, collecting, and using photography since the mid-nineteenth century, the establishment of the Still Photography Division (SPD) at the NFB in the early days of the Second World War marked a decisive new chapter for photography and nationalism in

Canada.²⁸ Led by a Scot named John Grierson, who coined the term “documentary,” this division produced an abundance of material, including photo stories, exhibitions, and catalogues.

The day-to-day work of the SPD in the 1950s is described as “banal nationalism.”²⁹ With stories like “Canada’s Scientists Get Behind the Serviceman” (1955, Chris Lund and Herb Taylor) and “English Lessons with Leah” (1958, Ted Grant), viewers were encouraged to reflect on the development of Canada through topics such as industry and labour, natural resources, and profiles of different cultural groups. But the SPD also helped to define postwar photography through its robust publications and regular exhibition programming at its dedicated gallery space in Ottawa.³⁰ These often featured more artistic and experimental work, either by one photographer, such as Lutz Dille (1922–2008), or by bringing together images around a theme such as *The Female Eye* (1975).



Barbara Deans, *Chateaubriand Avenue, Montreal, Quebec*, January 1975, chromogenic print (Ektacolor), 40.5 x 50.8 cm; image: 22.6 x 34.1 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. This photograph was included in *The Female Eye* exhibition and catalogue.

The 1950s and 1960s represented the heyday of illustrated picture magazines in Canada before TV captured the attention of the public. In 1960, the *Star Weekly*, “Canada’s largest separately sold periodical,” hit a circulation of 1 million. At the same time, 1.5 million copies of the *Weekend* magazine were printed each week and circulated as an insert in twenty-five daily newspapers.³¹ But the editors of these publications were not risk-takers. They were looking for striking images that would engage readers without alienating advertisers. In 1964, the *Star Weekly* commissioned Michel Lambeth (1923–1977) to create a photographic series about the poverty-stricken residents of St. Nil, Quebec. When his images were rejected for being too demoralizing, the NFB purchased the negatives and circulated images in exhibitions and publications.³²

In the 1960s and 1970s, the SPD was directed by Lorraine Monk, who shifted away from employing staff photographers who were producing documentary photo stories to hiring younger freelancers working in more expressive styles, such as Lambeth, Pierre Gaudard (1927–2010), Nina Raginsky (b.1941), and Michael Semak (1934–2020). However, as Carol Payne has noted, the change in style did not completely push aside the division’s nationalist mission. At Monk’s request, the division received a significant allocation from the federal government to produce a 1967 centennial book and exhibition project, *Canada: A Year of the Land*, which included photographs by Roloff Beny (1924–1984) and John de Visser (1930–2022). According to Payne, the aestheticized landscape photographs included in the



Michel Lambeth, *The Parish of St. Nil, County of Matane, Gaspé, Quebec*, May 1965, printed 1978, gelatin silver print, 35.4 x 27.9 cm; image: 25.4 x 17.2 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

book and exhibition of an “evacuated land, idealized the nation, and erased Aboriginal presence.”³³

Many of the photographers who worked for the NFB during this time also freelanced for major newspapers and periodicals. Krijn Taconis (1918–1979) was a member of the influential Magnum collective of photojournalists before he moved to Canada. He continued to take on international assignments even as he shifted to work more extensively with the NFB. In 1969, the NFB published a book of Michael Semak’s photographs of the newly independent country of Ghana. These photographers brought the world to Canadian viewers and represented Canada to the world.



Lorraine Monk, executive director, Still Photography Division of the National Film Board, and her assistant, Roman Tarnovetsky (working on photos for a book on the US Bicentennial), May 28, 1975, photograph by Doug Griffin, *Toronto Star* Archives, Toronto Public Library.

Through their commissions, the mainstream press and the NFB played a role in nurturing and shaping the format of photojournalism as it developed in tandem with more experimental artistic documentary photography. The efforts of the NFB in particular were successful in adding contemporary photography to growing national collections because they retained all the work they commissioned.

1960s: The Race to Build Museum Collections

In the 1960s, Canadian museums, like those around the world, began collecting photography in earnest, a move driven by what former National Gallery of Canada (NGC) director Marc Mayer described as “an appreciation of

photography's archival significance and its role in the evolution of modern art."³⁴ Canada already had a national photography collection in Ottawa. Since its founding in 1872, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has collected 30 million photographs as part of its mandate "to preserve the documentary heritage of Canada for the benefit of present and future generations."³⁵ Since much of this collection was created through government projects, such as the geological surveys Charles Horetzky worked for, the resulting research often focused on photography and nation building, which has advanced conventional settler-colonial narratives.³⁶



James Borcman, Curator, Photography, National Gallery of Canada, September 1973, photograph by Duncan Cameron (Capital Press), National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

In 1967 and at the request of NGC director Jean Sutherland Boggs, curator James Borcman initiated the gallery's photography collection. Borcman's annual budget was a modest \$5,000, but given that the robust market for photography was still a few years away, he had a reasonable start, especially with the support and guidance of a range of international experts.³⁷ By 1974, the NGC's photography collection contained 6,000 images, which were mostly historical and which included many by canonical international figures like (William) Henry Fox Talbot (1800–1877), who developed one of the first photographic processes.³⁸ As prices for photographs increased, subsequent acquisitions by Borcman focused on modernist and more contemporary work that was purchased or acquired through private donations.

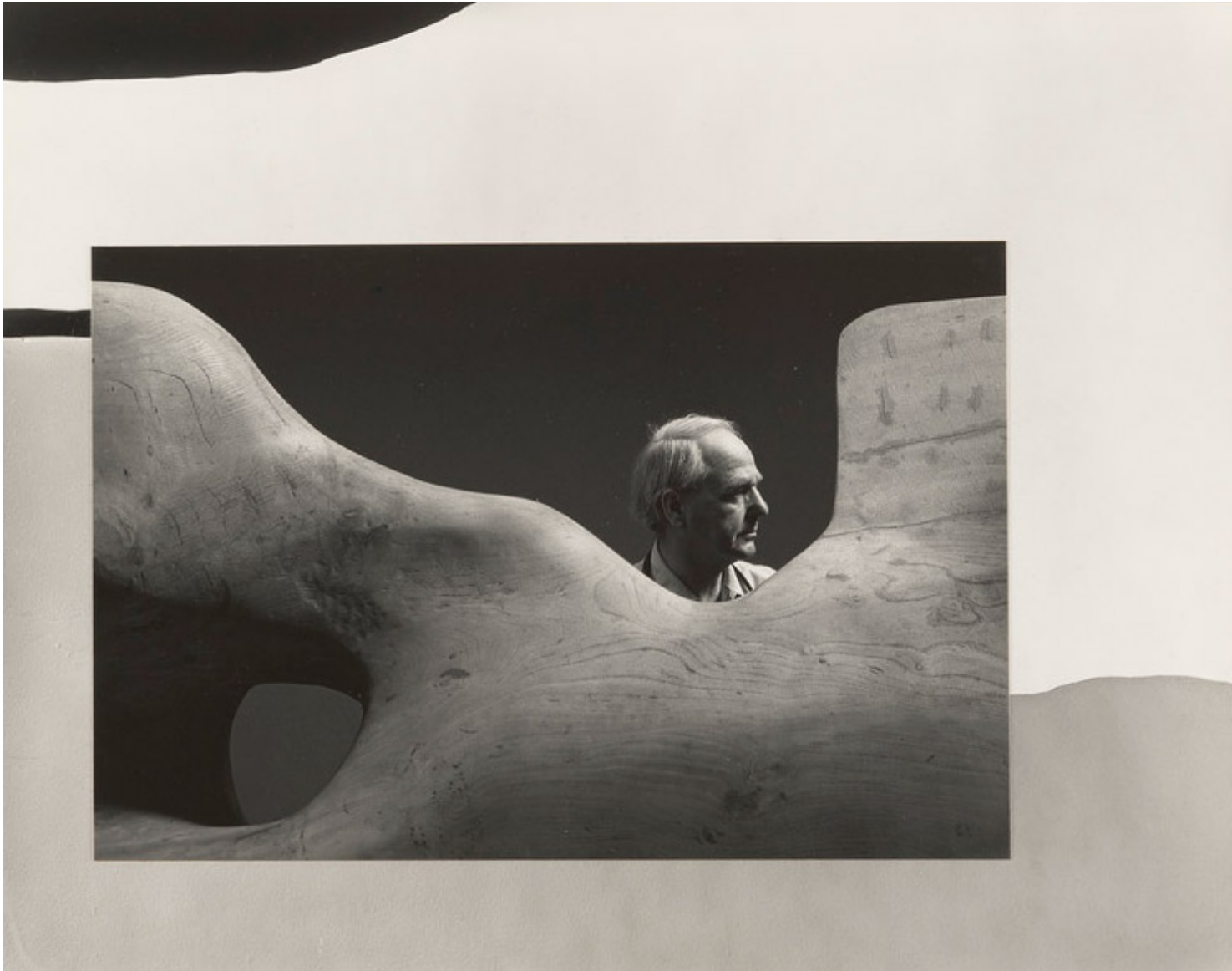


William Henry Fox Talbot, *The Haystack*, April 1844, salted paper print, 19 x 22.9 cm; image: 16.4 x 21 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

What the NGC chose to collect through purchases and gifts shaped the kind of exhibitions it could mount and the work it could make available to artists and photographers for study. Initially, Borcoman focused on acquiring the work of European and American photographers, such as the abstract photos of Man Ray (1890–1976) purchased in 1968, in part because of the NGC's desire to acquire canonical images valued for their aesthetic qualities, but also to avoid duplicating the historical Canadian collections held by the national archives and the contemporary work located in the NFB Still Photography Division.³⁹ But in 1960, and again in 1988, the NGC mounted major exhibitions of portraits by Yousuf Karsh (1908–2002), even though his work was often government-commissioned.⁴⁰ Then, in the 1970s, the NGC acquired the collection of Canadian photography belonging to amateur historian Ralph Greenhill and received important donations from architect Phyllis Lambert and others.⁴¹

Borcoman's approach to collecting photography for the NGC was in contrast to the way curator Maia-Mari Sutnik built the collection at the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO). Sutnik had a later start than Borcoman and was faced with a limited budget and a small core collection of photographic portraits of artists, so she focused on photography as a form of material culture and primarily acquired photographs made for commercial, scientific, personal, and governmental purposes.⁴² She also made strategic purchases, such as the collage portrait by

Arnold Newman (1918–2006) of sculptor Henry Moore (1898–1986) to augment the gallery's collection of Moore's work.



Arnold Newman, *Henry Moore (collage), Much Hadham, England, 1966–72*, collage: gelatin silver prints, sheet: 26.2 x 33.2 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

In 1979, curators Hubert Hohn and Lorne Falk took a different approach to building a core institutional collection for the Walter Phillips Gallery. Instead of collecting works by established photographers, they made a high-profile purchase of work from seven contemporary artists for the gallery located in the Banff School of Fine Arts.⁴³ That purchase, along with its travelling exhibition and publication, highlighted the quality of work produced in Canada by individuals such as Lynne Cohen (1944–2014), Nina Raginsky, Orest Semchishen (b.1932), Tom Gibson (1930–2021), and Charles Gagnon (1934–2003).⁴⁴

That same year, Andrew Birrell, head of acquisitions at Library and Archives Canada, announced a new initiative to diversify his institution's photography collection by collecting the work of a wider range of amateur photographers to complement "the work of professionals who usually photographed only what would sell or what they were paid for."⁴⁵



LEFT: Charles Gagnon, *SX 70*, 1976, instant dye print (Polaroid), 10.8 x 8.8 cm; image: 7.9 x 7.8 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.
RIGHT: Cover of *The Banff Purchase: An Exhibition of Photography in Canada* (1979), featuring Nina Raginsky's *Lynn Chrisman, Vancouver Art School Student, Vancouver, British Columbia, 1975*, gelatin silver print, toned, heightened with colour, 25.3 x 20.1 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Another initiative, Project Naming, did not add new photographs but instead added new information and a distinctly different perspective to the historical photographs in the LAC collection. This community collaboration was initiated outside of the LAC in 2001 with Nunavut Sivuniksavut, a post-secondary program for Inuit youth based in Ottawa, and with Morley Hanson (Nunavut Sivuniksavut coordinator) and Murray Angus (instructor). During the first phase of the project, Inuit students interviewed Elders in their home communities to learn the names and familial relationships of people portrayed in photographs from the mid-twentieth century by Richard Harrington (1911–2005). Working with 500 digitized images taken in four Nunavut communities, Elders identified 75 per cent of the people in the images.⁴⁶ For instance, Gar Lunney took a photograph of three Inuit men in traditional dress holding cameras before Canada's Governor General, Vincent Massey, arrived on his northern tour of 1956. The original caption framed the image as an ethnographic document but understanding that one of these men was the renowned hunter and community leader named Joseph Idlout recasts the image as a document of diplomacy.⁴⁷

The interview process used in Project Naming reinforced Inuit cultural values and was a means of addressing the cultural dislocation that has resulted from colonization. The project continues virtually on LAC's website with approximately 10,000 digitized images, and over the years, community members have identified several thousand people, activities, and places.⁴⁸ Described in the scholarship as a form of visual repatriation, Project Naming inverts the power dynamic of a colonial government archive by returning agency to the Indigenous people of Nunavut.⁴⁹



Curtis Kuunuaq Konek interviews Elder Martha Otokala Okutak for Project Naming, Arviat, Nunavut, in the short documentary *Project Naming – Every Picture Tells a Story*, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

At each of these major institutions, it is often the long-serving staff who have exerted considerable influence over the collecting practices, new initiatives, and curatorial directions. When the Still Photography Division at the NFB was under Lorraine Monk's leadership, the institution's collecting practices expanded beyond the negatives and transparencies created by staff photographers to establishing a fine print collection.

In the centennial year of 1967, the NFB inaugurated an exhibition space, the Photo Gallery in Ottawa, and expanded their publication activities with the Images book series, featuring projects by Lutz Dille, Pierre Gaudard, Judith Eglinton (b.1945), and Michael Semak, as well as the *BC Almanac(h) C-B*, an anthology of artist booklets and an exhibition created by Jack Dale and Michael de Courcy (b.1944) in 1970.⁵⁰ The NFB's fine print collection also formed the core collection of the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, which was established in 1985 and helmed by Martha Langford. Under her tenure, the museum pursued an ambitious exhibition and publication program. It closed in 2006 after suffering water damage, and in 2016, the collection of over 200,000 photographs was transferred to the NGC.⁵¹



LEFT: Jeremy Taylor, *Cover for Image 2: Photography / Photographie Canada* (Ottawa: National Film Board, 1967), National Gallery of Canada Library and Archives, Ottawa. RIGHT: Michael de Courcy, *Silkscreened Box Untitled*, 1970–2011, 100 photo-silkscreened corrugated cardboard boxes, 30.5 x 30.5 x 30.5 cm each.

In addition to national institutions, numerous community archives have contributed to the history of photography in Canada through the preservation and interpretation of local and regional histories, including some lesser known and marginalized stories. The holdings of the Cumberland Museum and Archives, for example, include the photographs of Hayashi Studio. Senjiro Hayashi (1880–1935) documented the thriving Japanese community, Chinatown, local coal mines and sawmills, and other aspects of early twentieth-century life on Vancouver Island. With the donation of this collection of hundreds of glass negatives in the 1980s, often-overlooked histories were revived through an exhibition and documentary film.⁵² The community-organized Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia collects visual documents of the rich history of Black residents. The Centre's 1983 exhibition *A Black Community Album Before 1930* brought together snapshots of church groups, labourers, and families as well as commercial portraits of children, students, soldiers, and other Black professionals.⁵³



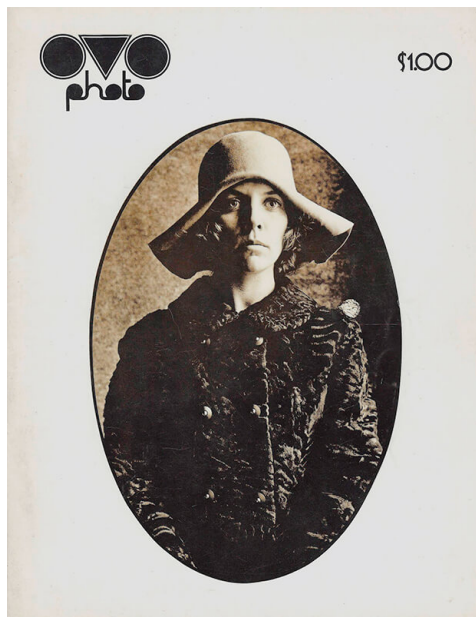
George H. Craig, *Outdoor baptism, 1st Lake (Lake Banook), Dartmouth, c.1892*, Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, Cherry Brook.

1960s–1980s: Galleries, Publications, and Associations

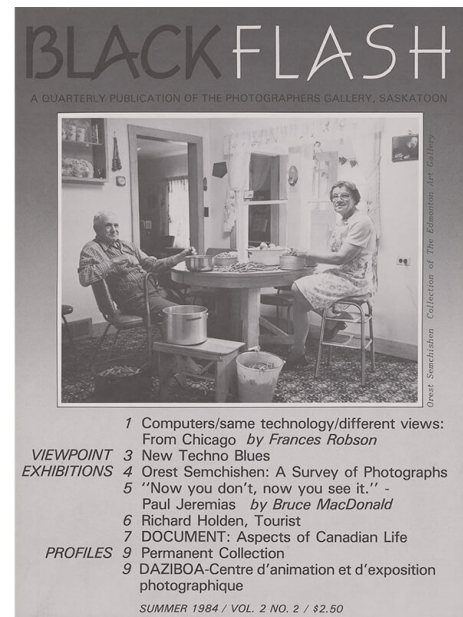
Although support from the Canada Council allowed large institutions to circulate exhibitions, it was new funding and initiatives at both the federal and provincial levels that radically changed how artists worked. Not only did the Council offer funding directly to photographers to undertake substantive projects and to travel, but funding also became available for a range of artist-run centres, associations, and publications. Often, these activities were connected and overlapping, offering artists more control over the production and circulation of their work.

From the early 1970s a number of publications sought to share work and connect artists across the country.⁵⁴ Many were short lived or sporadic, reflecting the challenges of collaborative projects in a new format. However, publications such as *Impressions* and *Image Nation*, published out of Toronto, and *OVO Photo*, in Montreal, managed to share new work created across the country and they did so without having to rely on the cycle of curated exhibitions and critical reviews. And experimental initiatives, such as Image Bank, an artistic collaboration between Michael Morris (b.1942), Vincent Trasov (b.1947), and, until 1972, Gary Lee-Nova, explored new modes of networking, such as mail art, as an alternative to the gallery system.

As art historian Johanne Sloan has observed, artist-run centres across the country gave loosely organized networks access to facilities, exhibitions, events, and publications. For instance, the Photographers Gallery in Saskatoon originated in 1970 with a collective of photographers who wanted to share resources and expertise including a darkroom and library. By 1973, the group had formed a gallery with an exhibition program before beginning to collect photography in 1977 with an acquisition of a work by Mattie Gunterman (1872–1945). In 1983, the gallery started a magazine that soon became *BlackFlash*, one of the longest running photo and new media publications in Canada.



LEFT: Cover of *OVO* magazine, no. 4, September 1971, cover photo: Peter Höfle. RIGHT: Cover of *BlackFlash* magazine 2, no. 2, Summer 1984. The photograph featured on the cover is Orest Semchishen, *Glen & Hilda Cole, Near Coronation, Alberta, August 1980*, gelatin silver print, 27.7 x 35.3 cm; image: 22.6 x 29.1 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



In 1977, the collective of fifty artists who founded the Toronto Photographers Workshop (TPW) addressed the lack of support for photography as a contemporary art form by providing designated exhibition space and a forum for lectures and discussions, and by commissioning texts about contemporary photography and photographers from art critics and curators. Suzy Lake (b.1947), Barbara Astman (b.1950), Condé and Beveridge, Edward Burtynsky (b.1955), and Robert Burley (b.1957) were all active at TPW.



Edward Burtynsky, *Kennecott Copper Mine, Bingham Valley, Utah*, 1983, printed 1988, chromogenic print (Ektacolor), 50.7 x 60.8 cm; image: 45.6 x 55.8 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Artists were also the force behind Gallery 44, a collective formed in 1979 to share production facilities including a darkroom and studio space. This made the necessary technology available to more photographers and created another community hub. Soon, Gallery 44 was mounting exhibitions and offering photography workshops for artists and youth.

In Montreal in the late 1980s, a significant number of feminist artists and photographers, including Raymonde April (b.1953), Geneviève Cadieux (b.1955), Sorel Cohen (b.1936), and Angela Grauerholz (b.1952), were experimenting in various ways with postmodernism, mixing photography and other media.⁵⁵ Feminist initiatives at artist-run centres such as Optica, Dazibao, and VOX also brought Canadian artists into contact with sympathetic international practitioners and critics.⁵⁶ Although these initiatives were successful individually, the Montreal network of feminist photo-centric artists never received the same level of institutional, curatorial, or critical support and international reification as the Vancouver “boys’ club” of photo-conceptualists, which is a term used to refer to artists such as Jeff Wall (b.1946) and Stan Douglas (b.1960).⁵⁷

The Native Indian / Inuit Photographers’ Association was founded in Hamilton in 1985 by a collaboration of Indigenous artists, mostly Six Nations photographers

living in Canada, including Greg Staats (Skarù:rę? [Tuscarora] / Kanien'kehá:ka [Mohawk] Hodinöhsö:ni', Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario, b.1963) and Jeff Thomas (b.1956), but also United States-based artists like Jolene Rickard (b.1956).⁵⁸ The initiative followed the first Indigenous photo conference in Canada and set about to "promote a positive, realistic and contemporary image of native people through the medium of photography."⁵⁹ The association began within the Hamilton Photographers' Union and led to a conference, a Canada Council grant, and two travelling exhibitions in the first two years of the organization's founding as well as a serial publication, *Crossroads*. Artists Brenda Mitten and Yvonne Maracle, a co-op student at the time, directed the effort to create a sense of community and purpose around Indigenous photography.⁶⁰ A collection of photographs from the first exhibition, *VISIONS*, was purchased by the federal government in the 1980s and is now held by the Indigenous Art Centre, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

In 1979, Claudia Beck, director of the Nova Gallery in Vancouver, made this statement at a conference on Canadian photography: "there are three requirements for a healthy art scene—artists producing good work, a network of museums and critics to validate it, and a commercial gallery infrastructure to distribute it."⁶¹ Although the Massey Report of 1951 had offered support for artists, institutions, and publications, the third aspect of Beck's call, for distribution, was still a challenge. Institutions from banks to museums collected art, but commercial gallerists struggled to build a wider market for photography in Canada.⁶²

Still, there were some intrepid entrepreneurs willing to take this on. One of the earliest commercial efforts in Toronto was the Baldwin Street Gallery of Photography. The gallery was opened in 1969 by photographers Laura Jones (b.1948) and John Phillips (1945–2010), both of whom had recently left the United States as conscientious objectors to the Vietnam War. The gallery sold contemporary Canadian photography and became an active workshop hub for the Women's Photography Co-op, which included June Clark (b.1941) and Pamela Harris (b.1940). Jane Corkin's eponymous gallery, a more comprehensive commercial model, opened in 1978. In addition to selling contemporary work, Corkin brought historical and modern photography to Toronto audiences, including vintage prints by famed photographers like Eugène Atget (1857–1927) and Diane Arbus (1923–1971), which were of interest to photographers as well as collectors.



Attendees of the *VISIONS* conference, 1985, photograph by Cees van Gernerden. Murray McKenzie, NIIPA's first board president, sits in front of the TV screen with NIIPA's co-directors, Yvonne Maracle and Brenda Mitten, by his side (Yvonne crouched at his right and Brenda standing behind him slightly to the right).



Pamela Harris, *Linda Hahn and her Family, Trout River, Newfoundland*, 1973, gelatin silver print.

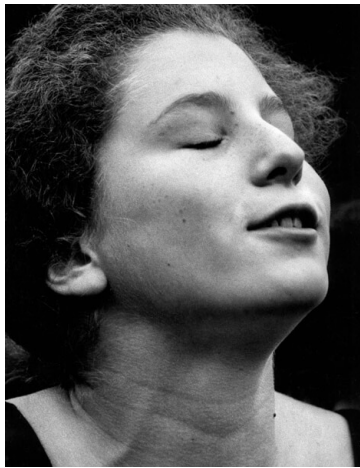
Festivals such as Le Mois de la Photo in Montreal (founded 1989) and CONTACT in Toronto (founded 1997) linked commercial and non-profit exhibition venues and leveraged growing global interest in photography as a collectible art form. The festival organizers, including CONTACT's dealer Stephen Bulger, secured corporate and government support to increase demand for photography. However, as with artists working in other media, even with a growing market for photographs as art, many modern and contemporary photographers supported their careers through exhibition fees, freelance work, and teaching positions, rather than the sale of photographs.

1948–1989: Photographic Training

In the mid-twentieth century, the training of photographers moved to technical colleges, art schools, and universities. One of the earliest schools for the study of photography in Canada was Toronto Metropolitan University, founded in 1948 as Ryerson Institute of Technology to teach technical and workplace skills. In photographic terms that meant photojournalists and people who specialized in scientific, advertising, fashion, and other commercial photography received training about technique and technology.

In the late 1960s and 1970s, educational institutions often came under the direction of influential faculty and the networks they created with and among

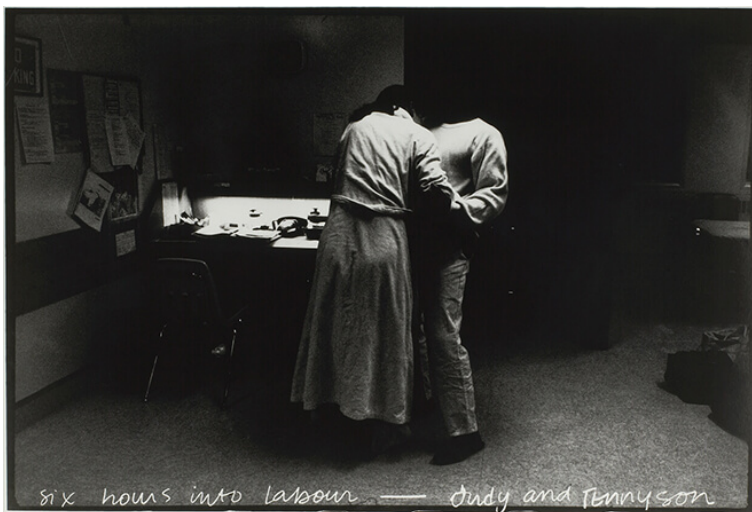
students and the wider artistic communities. These influences had a direct impact on the styles of and approaches to photography. By the early 1970s, photographer Dave Heath (1931–2016) at Toronto Metropolitan University had moved away from the technical and commercial approach to photography. Heath integrated more creative and humanistic approaches into the university curriculum by drawing on his own experience as a street



LEFT: Dave Heath, *Washington Square, New York*, 1961, gelatin silver print, 23.5 × 18.6 cm, Museum of Modern Art, New York. RIGHT: Robert Burley, *Riverdale Park*, 1983, chromogenic print (Ektacolor), 40.5 × 50.7 cm; image: 34.8 × 45.5 cm.

photographer. Later in the 1970s, art historian Marta Braun introduced courses in the history of photography. Several students of this era followed artistic careers, including Marian Penner Bancroft (b.1947), Edward Burtynsky, and Robert Burley, who then returned as a long-time faculty member. Students were exposed to a diversity of approaches to photography through a study collection, which began with samples of photographs by faculty and visiting artists and which is now called The Image Centre.

At York University, Michael Semak edited a collection of his students' work for a 1974 edition of *Impressions* magazine. The experimental and often abstract photographs, including work by a young Larry Towell (b.1953), reflected the wider context of photographic instruction embedded in a visual art program, which at the time was the only university-level program in Toronto.⁶³



LEFT: Marian Penner Bancroft, *2:50 a.m. Mission Memorial Hospital ... six hours into labour ... Judy and Tennyson ... dance a slow one* (detail), 1982, gelatin silver prints, 66 × 293.1 cm overall; 66 × 97.7 cm each, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Larry Towell, *Untitled (Ray of Light)*, 1974, gelatin silver print, 11.4 × 15.2 cm, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto.

At the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD), Garry Neill Kennedy (1935–2021) transformed the college during his tenure as president (his term lasted from 1967 to 2000) from a conservative regional art academy into an international hub for Conceptual art.⁶⁴ Among the international photo-based artists, theorists, and critics who came to Halifax and taught, exhibited, and published in photography were American feminist artist Martha Rosler (b.1943), Swiss American photographer Robert Frank (1924–2019) (whose book *The Americans* was published in 1958), and critic and theorist Benjamin Buchloch,

who supervised NSCAD Press during its most influential years in the late 1970s and 1980s. NSCAD shaped a generation of artists, including Vikky Alexander (b.1959), who graduated in 1979, the same year Susan McEachern (b.1951) began teaching photography there.

Similar networks emerged at other institutions. At the University of Ottawa, NGC photo curator James Borcoman taught a course on the history of photography in 1973, followed by Penny Cousineau-Levine in the late 1970s.⁶⁵ At the same time at the University of Ottawa, Lynne Cohen and Evergon (b.1946) taught in the studio area. Evergon soon left for Montreal's Concordia University, where the photo faculty included Tom Gibson, Raymonde April, and Geneviève Cadieux. Given its international reputation for contemporary photography, Vancouver had not one but two educational hubs: the Emily Carr University of Art + Design included Marian Penner Bancroft, Ian Wallace, and Sandra Semchuk as faculty; and Jeff Wall, Ken Lum (b.1956), and Roy Kiyooka (1926–1994) have all served as faculty at the University of British Columbia (UBC). As programs for photographic training flourished at colleges and universities across the country, a new generation of artists and photographers extended their practices in new directions.



Sandra Semchuk, *Self-portrait, Galiano Island, British Columbia, 1988*, 1988, printed July 1989, azo dye prints (Cibachrome), 27.9 x 35.6 cm each, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



Genres & Critical Issues

Common genres of photography in Canada include portraiture, personal photography, art, landscape, documentary, photojournalism, ethnographic studies, and advertising. But genres are porous and relate to cultural conventions as well as how images are made and where they circulate. Critical issues change with the times and often connect with broader cultural concerns. In the 1970s and 1980s, when historians and theorists first began to critically examine photography as a field of study, they were often interested in issues of class, gender, and power. More recently, scholars have focused on how photography shapes concepts of race and mediates relationships between people.

This section looks at the intersection of genres and critical issues to highlight some of the key concerns in the scholarship.

Imagining Identity through Portraiture

Portraiture is a longstanding category of artistic production. However, until the arrival of the camera, the labour and cost of painted portraiture placed it out of reach for most Canadians. Photographic portraiture played an important role in enhancing the profile of public figures, but it was also significant for making marginalized communities increasingly visible. Portraits are the result of a structured encounter between subject and photographer. Whether the portrait is made at the request of the sitter or the photographer, or due to an external commission, it requires collaboration. Although the forms of portraiture changed dramatically from the daguerreotype studio portrait to portraits with a hand-held camera, this genre of photography has long been an important way for people to express their aspirations and imagine new identities.¹

When Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre first announced his invention of the daguerreotype in 1839, he did not see portraiture as a suitable application for the new technology due to long exposure times of up to fifteen minutes, during which the sitter would have to stay completely still. However, within a year, portraits became the most popular type of photograph thanks to improvements in exposure times and the development of headrests that helped sitters to hold still. Later in the 1800s, the decreasing price of photographic portraits and increasing ease in producing them made them widely accessible. In addition to framed prints and albums, portraits were gifted as visiting cards (*cartes-de-visite*), embedded in jewellery, and in one remarkable late-nineteenth-century Canadian example in the Art Gallery of Ontario collection, slotted into an elaborate wooden sculptural display.



Tramp Art Photo Display, c.1885, maker unknown, *cartes-de-visite*: albumen prints (eleven), tintypes (five) with handpainting (pink, gold), wood, glass, and paper crown of thorn design with paint applied to rotating base and carved leaf and vine details, 63 x 36.5 x 36.5 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, portraiture played an important role in shaping understandings of class, race, sexuality, gender, and ability. When we look at thousands of studio portraits, there is a certain repetitive sameness to the space, the outfits, the lighting, and the poses. However, for many sitters, the ritual of sitting for a portrait was itself a powerful statement of status and belonging. Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald and his wife Agnes commissioned William Topley (1845–1930) to take portraits of their daughter Mary from her birth onward. At a time when many families chose to hide disability, the Macdonalds renovated their house to ensure Mary could fully participate in social activities, including portraiture. Topley's elegant portraits remain a rare example from the time of a sitter with a disability.

Portraiture, especially portraits of artists, was a popular choice among Pictorialists. A 1935 portrait of Toronto-based singer Phyllis Marshall by Violet Keene Perinchief (1893–1987) pictures her looking directly at the camera, chest bare, wearing a headscarf and large hoop earrings. The photograph's title, *African Appeal, Phyllis Marshall*, reflects the limits placed on Black Canadians in the visual and performing arts.²



LEFT: William Topley, *Mary Macdonald, daughter of Sir John A. Macdonald*, May 1893, gelatin silver print, 11 x 16.8 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Violet Keene Perinchief, *African Appeal, Phyllis Marshall*, c.1935, gelatin silver print with hand retouching, The Image Centre, Toronto.

Since the introduction of photography, portraits have played a crucial role in connecting communities within Canada to families around the globe as the settler-colonial nation has been fuelled by waves of immigration. The Montreal studio of William Notman (1826–1891), for example, offered visitors the opportunity to be pictured in Canadian winter scenes ranging from an outdoor sleigh to a simulated ice rink, complete with costumes and props.³ These

portraits often surface in family albums of British officials. Scholar Carol Williams has argued that the emphasis on child portraiture by Hannah Maynard (1834–1918) at the turn of the twentieth century in Victoria reflected the intense desire for settler women to reproduce as their contribution to the colonizing mission.⁴

Also seeking portraits in the early twentieth century were mine workers who frequented studios like those run by C.D. Hoy (1883–1973) in Quesnel, B.C., and the Hayashi Studio in Cumberland, B.C. These studios served a range of patrons, but they also offered particular props and backdrops tailored specifically for Chinese and Japanese sitters. Working together, photographers and sitters crafted images of prosperity among wider communities in Canada.⁵



LEFT: William Notman, *Lt. Col. And Mrs. Ferguson, Montreal, 1863*, silver salts on paper mounted on paper, 8.5 x 5.6 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal. RIGHT: C.D. Hoy, *Chinese man in Revolutionary background, 1912*, Barkerville Historic Town Archives.

Photographic portraits are exceptionally effective tools to honour the subject, a way to elevate and celebrate the sitter's positive attributes, such as beauty, fecundity, and expertise. This idealization reaches its pinnacle in publicly oriented portraiture, such as the glamorous and even aspirational portraits of politicians, entertainers, artists, authors, and other luminaries, like professional boxer Muhammad Ali by Yousuf Karsh (1908–2002). But honorific portraits, as they are called, can also raise awareness of under-recognized figures, as in the case of portraits of Northwest Coast Indigenous artists by Ulli Steltzer (1923–2018) made in the 1970s during a period of cultural revival.



Yousuf Karsh, *Muhammad Ali*, 1970, gelatin silver print, 50.2 x 40.3 cm, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.

The power of the portrait is both its specificity and its comprehensive mapping of the social system. Photo theorist Allan Sekula (1951–2013) noted that when we look at honorific portraits of public figures, we implicitly consider them in relation to a shadow archive of repressive portraits, such as mugshots.⁶ In concert with burgeoning social sciences in the late nineteenth century, marginalized sitters, such as the poor, criminals, and people of colour, were photographed as part of a larger social project to manage and control them.

Hannah Maynard's business may have focused on celebrating the health and development of babies and children, but she also worked for the Victoria Police Department taking mugshots. A mugshot has two functions: it aids in the containment and recapture of the sitter if they are sought by police in the future again, but it also identifies accused criminals and lays the groundwork for profiling on the basis of race, mental illness, and other factors.

By the late twentieth century, modern and contemporary artists were exploring the complicated history and social function of portraiture. In 1973, Suzy Lake (b.1947) produced *Miss Chatelaine*, a work that features a grid of twelve self-portraits of Lake clad in white makeup, displaying slightly different hairstyles and accessories, and adopting poses drawn from the limited range of options offered to women in mass media. The photographs are hardly an authentic representation of Lake herself.



LEFT: Hannah Maynard, *One of Mrs. Maynard's Victoria Police Department photos; Belle Adams, charged with the murder of Charles Kincaid; received five years for manslaughter, 1898, glass plate negative, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria.* RIGHT: Suzy Lake, *Miss Chatelaine, 1973, gelatin silver fibre-based print (printed 1996), 22.3 × 22.4 cm, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.*

In the early 1980s, Arnaud Maggs (1926–2012) also used the grid format for photographic portraiture, often depicting fellow artists. In contrast to Karsh's own highly dramatic portraits, Maggs created a portrait installation formed of forty-four black and white headshots of Karsh. Like Lake's self-portraits, the almost identical, repeated images of Karsh wearing the same suit and hat question whether photography can ever capture the essence of a subject. Instead, Maggs's multiple images of Karsh facing the camera and in profile conjure a police lineup more than a traditional portrait. Whether they capture the essence or simply the surface of their subjects, Lake's self-portraits and Maggs's repeated images seem to foreshadow the dominant forms of twenty-first-century digital portraiture.



Arnaud Maggs, *Yousuf Karsh, 48 Views*, 1981–83, gelatin silver print, 40.6 x 50.8 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Personal Photography and Social Connection

When you think of personal photography, the family snapshot might be the first image that comes to mind, but personal photographs can come from many sources, and in that sense the genre is defined by how it is collected and circulates. Personal photography takes in everything from the amateur images made with a Kodak camera to the tourist postcards stuck into a family album, often alongside studio portraits or even photographs cut out from newspapers or magazines. Personal photography encompasses photographs and albums made by everyone from soldiers and students to community groups and families—both biological and chosen—to document shared experiences.

Albums and other forms of personal collections draw attention to how we use photography to understand our histories and social connections. And our relationship to these materials is often as tactile and emotional as it is visual because these photographs are often touched, shared, hidden away, and sought out when needed.⁷ In the pre-digital age, personal photographs and family albums were often among the most treasured possessions. Like many others, Hon Lu's family prioritized family photographs as they fled their home in a time of crisis. Not only did they bring photographs among their limited possessions from Vietnam in 1979, but they also added to that archive with images of their journey to Canada.⁸

American cultural critic bell hooks points to the power of personal archiving and display in her discussion of photography and Black life. Whether the images were found in albums or on the walls of private homes, “images could be displayed, shown to friends and strangers... images could be critically considered, subjects positioned according to individual desire.”⁹ We see that in the archive of Beverly Brown. Starting in 1937, after being sent to a residential school in Alert Bay, B.C., Brown created a rare personal archive of snapshots of life in the residential school. In defiance of the dehumanizing institution, Brown and her friends bonded through photography, and she inscribed the name and home community of each child pictured in her photos.



Luong Thai Lu, *Hon Lu* standing in Narita International Airport, Tokyo, during a stop-over on the way to Canada, surrounded by the family's luggage, date unknown, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. This image is part of the Family Camera Network project.



Beverly Brown, *Children at St. Michael's Indian Residential School*, c.1937–49, Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Studies analyzing family and other personal photography have explored a range of critical issues including identity, memory, loss, and the practices of viewing.¹⁰ French theorist Roland Barthes was particularly intrigued that the most benign personal photographs can trigger affect, steeped as they often are in “desire, repulsion, nostalgia, euphoria.”¹¹ Scholar Marianne Hirsch has a more expansive view suggesting that family photographs can connect viewers to images even from other historical eras and cultures.¹² This is because social conventions shape family photography: “the family photo both displays the cohesion of the family and is an instrument of its togetherness.”¹³

Richard Bell’s gift of his family’s personal collection to a public archive is part of a wider pattern, one that offers institutions, researchers, and members of various communities the opportunity to create a fuller picture of Canadian history, as well as showcase the gaps and outright racism of state archives, including museums.¹⁴ The Bell-Sloman family, who came to southwestern Ontario via the Underground Railroad in the 1850s, used photography to chronicle their lives and accomplishments for more than a century.



LEFT: Richard Nelson Bell, *Iris Sloman Wedding Day Photo*, 1939, black and white photograph, Brock University Archives, St. Catharines.
RIGHT: *Tintype of Black Woman with Feathered Hat*, c.1880, photographer unknown, tintype, Brock University Archives, St. Catharines.

Curator Julie Crooks describes the Bell-Sloman family’s collection of portraits, snapshots, school photos, and other documents as an opportunity to trace “histories of diasporic dispersals, fugitive movement and settlement.”¹⁵ Several photographs in the collection highlight the work undertaken by family members such as the snapshot of Charles Bell with the horse and cart he used to deliver ice and coal. The collection also contains a remarkable tintype, a commissioned

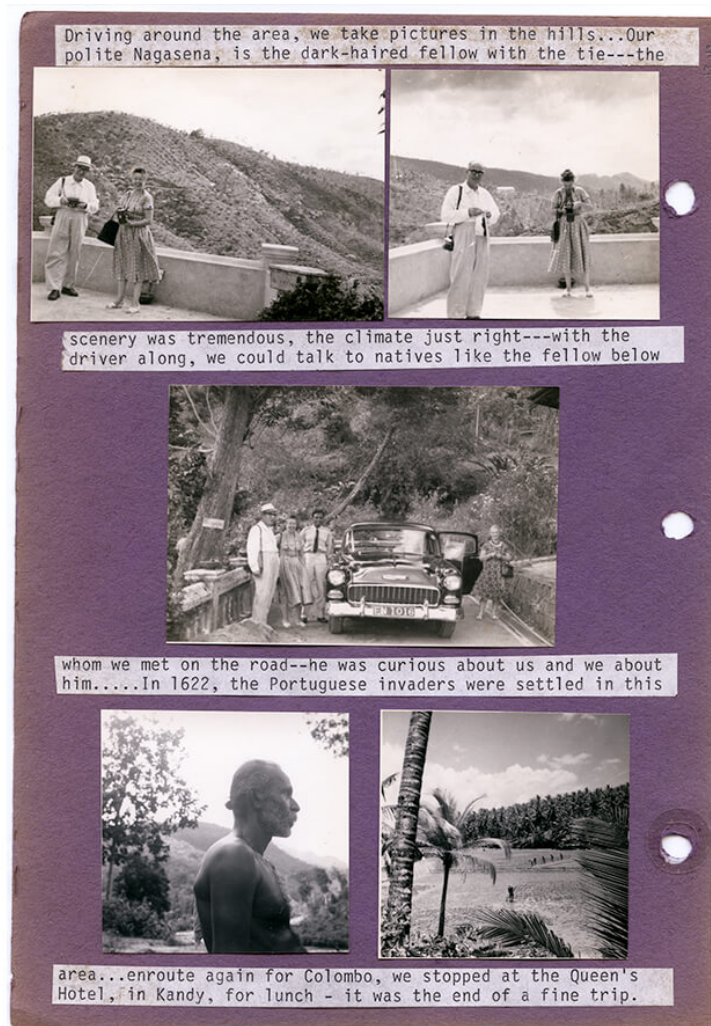
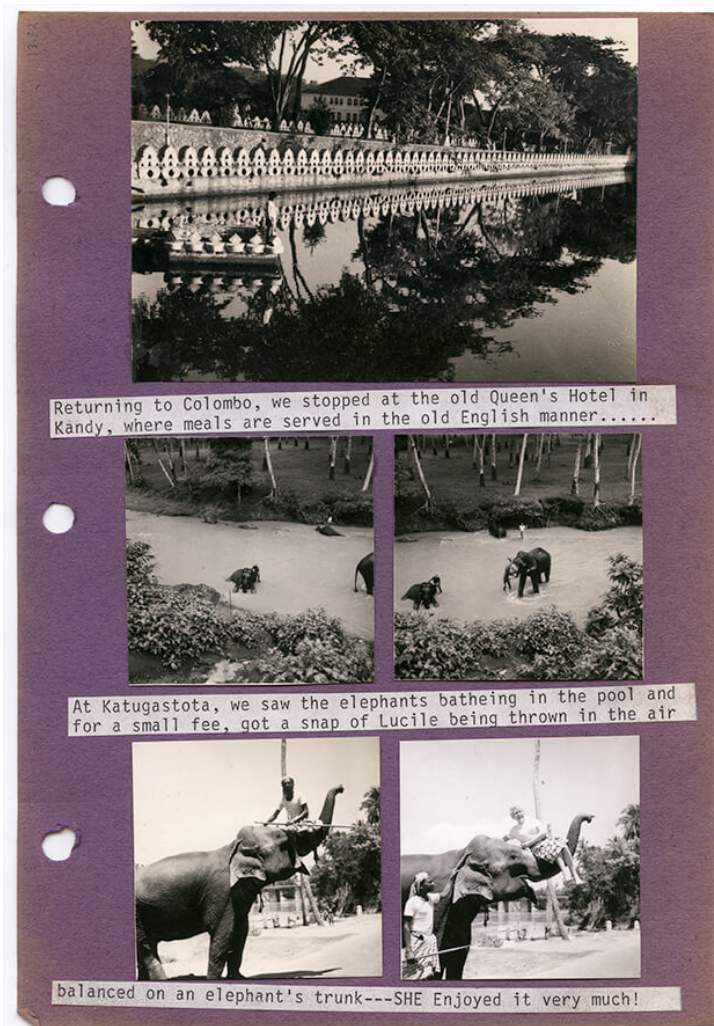
portrait of a young woman in an elaborate feather hat and domestic uniform. Likewise included are several images of the family's leisure activities and moments of joy and celebration.



Photograph of Charles Bell with Horse and Cart, St. Catharines, date unknown, photographer unknown, black and white photograph, Brock University Archives, St. Catharines.

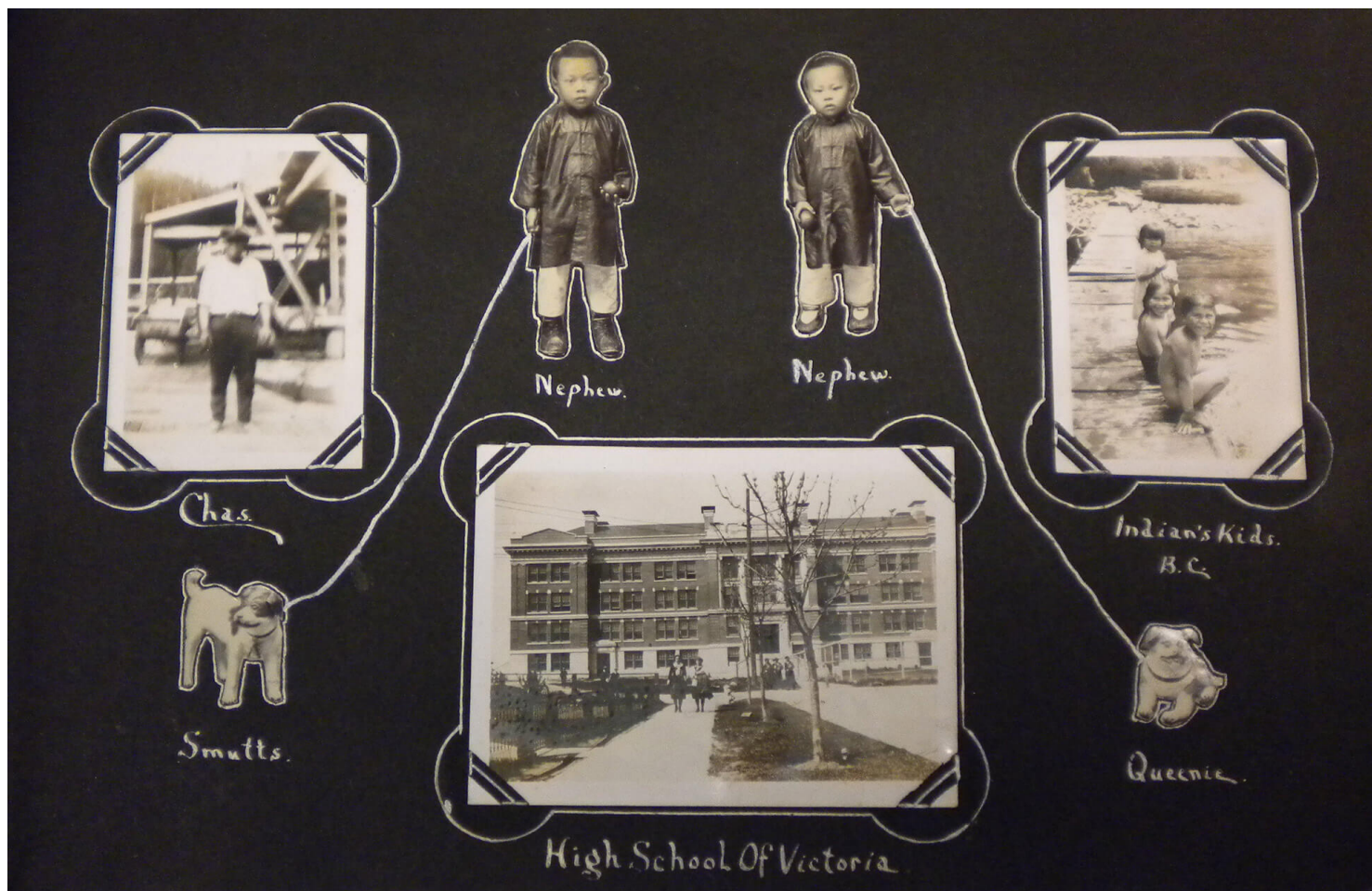
Personal photography is often used to convey emotional bonds or even create intimacy within families or social groups. In her influential study of a range of Canadian photo albums at the McCord Museum, photo historian Martha Langford argued that what is often overlooked, but crucially important, in collections of personal photography is the way they build connection through narratives: "photo albums are not designed to inform strangers but to act as mnemonic clues for the people involved."¹⁶

Although Langford focused particularly on oral narratives, her insights offer a helpful framework for albums such as the one created by Margaret Corry (1947–1963). Corry was a Canadian expatriate who travelled extensively in Europe and Asia during the 1940s and 1950s. She took most of the photographs herself and assembled them into a travelogue with typewritten captions and observations.¹⁷ She sent the albums home to Canada in an effort to connect with her family and bring them into her adventures. Her albums tell her personal story of adventure and cultural exchange within a global context of imperialism.



LEFT: Margaret Corry, album-page showing elephant riding in Sri Lanka, from Corry's family album of travels through Japan, Hawaii, British Columbia, Saskatoon, Ontario, and Ceylon, June 1957 to March 1959, gelatin silver prints mounted on paper with typed captions, 21.1 x 14.5 cm, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. RIGHT: Margaret Corry, album-page showing scenes during a drive through the Trincomalee hills in Sri Lanka, from Corry's family album of travels through Japan, Hawaii, British Columbia, Saskatoon, Ontario, and Ceylon, June 1957 to March 1959, gelatin silver prints mounted on paper with typed captions, 21.1 x 14.5 cm, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

A fascinating example of a more abstract, imaginative narrative crafted through personal photographs comes from the pages of a scrapbook created by Lillian Lock in the 1920s and 1930s.¹⁸ Lock combined portraits of family members living in China with snapshots of her family dogs, a Canadian school, and Indigenous children on a dock. She drew lines between her young relatives in China to make it seem as though they were walking her dogs and so part of her family life in Canada. As art historian Julia Lum describes, "Lock's album bridges the insurmountable distance between geographies and chronologies, constructing familial bonds where there were indeed none."¹⁹ Lock also included photographs in the album that she clearly saw as family photographs, such as family immigration documents and a newspaper article about her mother's 1909 arrival in Toronto, a rarity given government policies restricting Chinese family reunification. These institutional photographs carried enormous power over the personal lives of their subjects and serve as a crucial counter-archive in the family album.²⁰



Lillian Lock, page from Lillian Lock's scrapbook (5), c.1920s, Multicultural History Society of Ontario, Toronto, courtesy of Keith Lock.

The relationship between the state and personal photography is even more explicit in the context of Japanese Canadian internment camps during the Second World War. Personal cameras were not allowed in the government internment camps although many people smuggled them in, and some Japanese Canadian photographers were designated as official photographers documenting camp life.²¹ In studying the archive of surviving images, media scholar Kirsten Emiko McAllister was struck by the smiling faces in the images and that the images did not document the harsh conditions, which suggests overlapping interest among amateur and official photographers in "averting the gaze from the losses, humiliations, and intergenerational damage that Japanese Canadian families underwent in the hands of the Canadian government."²² Within her own family, McAllister's mother similarly provided a consistently celebratory narrative of their family photographs, including those made during internment.²³

Scholar Marianne Hirsch uses the term "postmemory" to describe the outsized power one generation's narratives, often told through photographs, can have on the next generation. Postmemory creates inherited memories so clear that they feel real and yet the way they often elide trauma can contribute to its intergenerational impact. As McAllister demonstrates, personal photographs and their narrative scripts may work in tandem to idealize the idea of family by erasing traces of conflict and hardship.



A Group Photograph, Tashme, BC, c.1943, photographer unknown, Nikkei National Museum, Burnaby.

Photography as Art

There were vigorous debates about what photography was and how it should be used for several decades after its invention in 1839, and advocates for artistic photography, such as British photographer and author Henry Peach Robinson (1830–1901), fostered its place in the arts through lectures, publications, and exhibitions in the rich cultural hubs of Europe. In Canada, photographers experimenting with the camera's artistic potential looked to their colleagues in other countries for inspiration.



Alexander Henderson (1831–1913), who did not need to make a living from his photography, gave up his portrait business in the 1860s to focus on landscapes and views. Many of his landscape photographs follow Robinson's call for poetic treatment and draw on numerous photographic techniques to deploy light, tone, and composition as creative tools. Henderson often submitted photographs to U.K. exhibitions and

Alexander Henderson, Victoria Bridge. Abutment, Ice shove, c.1887, albumen print, 15.3 x 20.2 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

elite amateur exchange societies where his work was received as art. Seeking to build similar support for art photography in Canada, Henderson and William Notman were founding members of the Art Association of Montreal in 1860, and Notman offered his studio for the association's inaugural exhibition, which included photographs.

Although photography was not readily embraced as an art form in mid-nineteenth-century Canada, it still played an important role in the Canadian art world.²⁴ Commercially available photographs provided invaluable source material for artists, especially those working in landscape,²⁵ and many commercial studios employed artists to paint photographs. For instance, John Fraser (1838–1898), who worked at Notman's studio, was called on to paint over photographs completely so that they resembled traditional oil or watercolour portraits. Notman also sought access to art collections to document paintings photographically, which he then sold as prints and stereographs, and published in books. His efforts helped to popularize the fine arts and to augment his own cultural cachet.

By the later part of the nineteenth century, the immense popularity of stereoscopes encouraged more creative approaches to subject matter. Studio photographer James Esson (1853–1933), for example, produced Victorian genre scenes and made stereoscopic views during his North American travels. As the public's demand for photographic content grew, photographers responded with creative performances staged for the camera, erotic images, and narrative sets of photographs of the same subject that point toward the development of moving images and film.

In the 1890s, Pictorialism became the first clearly defined international artistic movement within photography. It mined the potential of both the camera and experimental printing techniques to produce soft, sepia-toned photographs of traditional artistic subjects such as nudes, landscapes, and portraits. Sidney Carter (1880–1956) was a member of the Pictorialist Photo-Secession group in New York founded in 1902 by Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946). In 1906, Carter brought an exhibition of Pictorialist work to Toronto with the help of Harold Mortimer-Lamb (1872–1970), who also worked to establish regular salons and commercial galleries for art and photography in several Canadian cities, all while publishing reviews in international arts magazines.



William Notman, *Master Bryce Allan*, Montreal, QC, 1866, silver salts, watercolour on card, albumen process, 55 x 45 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.



H.G. Cox, *A Summer Day*, c.1928, sepia-toned gelatin silver print.

Curator Ann Thomas has observed that Pictorialism persisted in Canada longer than many other places.²⁶ B.C. photographer H.G. Cox (1885–1972) only took up photography in the 1920s and produced a remarkable body of work over the next decade. Cox's fellow Vancouver photographer John Vanderpant (1884–1939) also integrated aspects of Pictorialism into his more modernist photographs, which were often taken from unusual angles that highlighted a mechanized way of viewing and representing the industrialized world.²⁷

Though many think of the art realm as highly individual and avant-garde, early twentieth-century art photography in Canada was conservative. Pictorialism followed international trends, and because its development in Canada was fostered and judged by camera clubs, most of the resulting photography shared a clear set of artistic parameters. Even the modernist photography that followed

Pictorialism grew out of homogeneous networks of artists, critics, curators, and gallerists. For instance, the Toronto Camera Club, which initiated many of the early exhibitions, regularly debated whether women should be full members, so there should be little surprise that the celebrated women art photographers in Canada at the time did not emerge from these clubs. Minna Keene (1861–1943) had already established her place in the Pictorialist movement in the U.K. by the time she settled in Canada in 1913. The domestic still-life photographs captured by Margaret Watkins (1884–1969) in the late 1910s and early 1920s are among the most internationally recognized Canadian modernist images and yet she was trained and produced her best-known work in the U.S. Working in Mexico in the late 1940s, Reva Brooks (1913–2004) made portraits of Indigenous people and her photos garnered international attention.



LEFT: Minna Keene, *Untitled*, c.1910, carbon print mounted to single-ply period board and additional two-ply period board, 21.6 x 27.9 cm, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto. RIGHT: Reva Brooks, *Confrontacion (Elodia)*, 1948, gelatin silver print, 22.8 x 29.2 cm, edition of twenty-five, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto.

In the postwar period, new support for the photographic arts in Canada and the waves of artists arriving from other countries spurred the development of art photography in different ways. In 1951, the Massey Report outlined the need for a national arts infrastructure to fund and support artists across the country. Canada Council funding fostered the development of artist-run spaces and innovative arts magazines and supported travelling exhibitions, while the National Film Board (NFB) was developing creative photographic projects by the end of the 1960s.

Michel Lambeth (1923–1977) was one photographer who received support from the NFB and the Canada Council in the 1960s. He was born in Canada but learned photography during a six-year stay in Europe after the Second World War. He became interested in the subjective experience of the urban environment and the aesthetic possibilities of everyday life, exploring these

themes in his street photography when he returned to Toronto. His photographs of the social landscape, such as *Union Station*, 1957, embraced aspects of the documentary style, but focused on the absurdities of life rather than on advancing a political agenda. In the early 1970s, Lambeth served on the photography awards jury with Tom Gibson (1930–2021) and Charles Gagnon (1934–2003).²⁸

From the late 1960s on, photography played a significant role in the arts in Canada, and Conceptual artists including Sylvain P. Cousineau (1949–2013) and Stan

Denniston (b.1953) made work that rejected the idea of photography as merely a tool to document the world. Others including Michael Snow (1928–2023), Jeff Wall (b.1946), Ken Lum (b.1956), and Vikky Alexander (b.1959) are among the Canadian artists with the highest international profiles. Snow once explained the Conceptual approach by saying: “to extend the depth of what has been called ‘art’ into photography requires not choosing nobler subjects, but rather making available to the spectator the amazing transformations the subject undergoes to become the photograph.”²⁹ We see this concept at play in Snow’s

Authorization, a work that began with a simple self-portrait taken using a tripod-mounted camera and a mirror. But Snow taped the resulting images to the mirror and re-photographed them three more times, resulting in a complex and compelling final image.

In the 1970s and 1980s, as art school training in photography blossomed along with the market and audience for photography, photo-based work was fully integrated into the contemporary art scene. Particularly notable in the 1980s is the wide range of feminist artists who shared an interest in the way gender is constituted through representation but who used photography in wildly different ways—ranging from the visual narratives of domestic life by Susan McEachern (b.1951) to the highly stylized large-scale self-portraits of Barbara Astman (b.1950).



Michel Lambeth, *Union Station*, 1957, gelatin silver print, 18.9 x 27.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



LEFT: Michael Snow, *Authorization*, 1969, instant silver prints (Polaroid) and adhesive tape on mirror in metal frame, 54.6 x 44.4 x 1.4 cm with integral frame, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Barbara Astman, *Untitled (The Red Series)*, 1981, Ektacolor mural, 122 x 122 cm, private collection.

The Aesthetics of Landscape

In Canada, landscape photographs appeared first in the form of scenic views made by commercial photographers such as William Notman and later, in the 1860s, as a subject in artistic photography. But this genre of photography derives from painting traditions dating back to Renaissance Europe. Landscape photography typically portrays a natural environment using a set of pre-existing pictorial conventions, including light, atmosphere, composition, and recession in space. In the 1840s and 1850s, landscape photographers grappled with technical challenges such as depth of field (which affects how much of an image is in focus), the absence of colour, the smaller size of a photograph compared with a painted canvas, and the difficulty of registering clouds and sky, which often required a different exposure than the land. Other challenges included spatial arrangement, weather, and movement.³⁰



LEFT: Jacob van Ruisdael, *Waterfall*, 1660s, oil on canvas, 106.7 x 98.4 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: George Barker, *Niagara Falls in Winter*, c.1890, albumen silver print, 42.6 x 52.1 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



LEFT: Alexander Henderson, *Cape Trinity, Saguenay*, c.1865–75, albumen silver print, 11.5 x 19 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Sally Eliza Wood, *Brome Lake, Knowlton, Que., Falls at the Outlet*, c.1905, coloured postcard, 10.2 x 15.2 cm, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Montreal.

Despite these obstacles, photographers such as Alexander Henderson, working in Quebec in the 1860s and 1870s, achieved success and gained international recognition for picturesque views such as the striking image, *Cape Trinity, Saguenay*, c.1865–75.³¹ Henderson adapted conventions of landscape painting, using formal devices to create a distinct foreground and background to convey a sense of depth. In some instances, Henderson included foreground features to frame an image, giving viewers a sense of visual proximity. Henderson's prints sold well with tourists keen to remember Canada for its natural beauty. Photographers like Sally Eliza Wood (1857–1928) continued to feed this market through the early twentieth century with postcard views of eastern Quebec.

Landscape was accepted as an aesthetic category in art photography during the Pictorialist movement, beginning around the turn of the twentieth century. Sidney Carter, Charles Macnamara (1881–1944), and others created soft focus gum bichromate prints with subtle tonalities, emulating the atmospheric effects of tonalist and Impressionist landscape painting. Artistic works such as Carter's *Evening Sunset on Black Creek*, c.1900–01, portray the land as domesticated and as existing for the pleasure of the viewer. At the same time some photographers were exploring the aesthetics of landscape, others were making pictures of the land that constructed concepts of place and negotiated power over and ownership of land and resources.



LEFT: Sidney Carter, *Evening Sunset on Black Creek*, c.1900–01, gum bichromate, 15.2 x 9.4 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Charles Macnamara, *A Red Pine at Marshall's Bay*, 1904, celluloid negative and print, Arnprior & McNab / Braeside Archives.

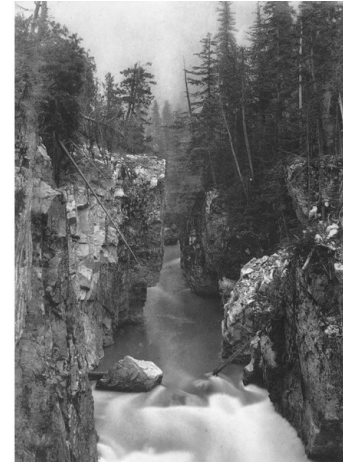
Government geological surveys in the 1860s–90s were important to settler colonist ambitions, land acquisition, and resource development. Occasionally,

these photographs depart from aesthetic conventions as they are lacking a gentle recession into space, a penetrating line of sight, and interesting foreground features, such as in the work of Joseph Burr Tyrrell (1858–1957), made during an 1886 survey in Alberta with the Geological Survey of Canada. Using an approach similar to survey photographers of the American West, some practitioners in Canada attempted to translate the environment into a pictorial form of information to support an idea of the West as largely uninhabited and available for European settlement.³²

Nonetheless, there was not a strict separation between images that followed aesthetic conventions and those that were made in the name of science and progress. Dramatic landscapes by Édouard Deville (1849–1924), the Surveyor General of Canada, are a case in point, because he conveyed the beauty of a scene even as he made photographs for information about the land. No matter the pictorial structure, landscape is not something “out there” waiting to be recorded.” Rather, as historical geographer James Ryan reminds us, it is a way of conceiving of the world that privileges the perspective of “a detached, individual spectator.”³³



LEFT: Joseph Burr Tyrrell, *Haney's 2nd claim on the North side of the Saskatchewan River, Alberta*, 1886, black and white photograph, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.
RIGHT: Édouard Deville, *Illecilliwaet Canyon near Revelstoke*, 1886, black and white photograph, image: 21.1 x 15.1 cm; on mount: 34.9 x 26.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



Alongside government surveys and commercial enterprises to produce postcards and scenic views are independent explorations, often by women. Mary Schäffer (1861–1939), for instance, travelled through the Canadian Rockies in the early twentieth century and made photographs of the landscape and flora that she showed in lantern slide lectures and published in illustrated travelogues.

The landscape genre accommodates all manner of scenes, including those that focus on the exploitation of nature. Given the importance of resource extraction to Canada's economy, numerous practitioners have photographed industrial landscapes. In these photographs, the emphasis is less on nature and more on the infrastructure of agriculture, forestry, and mining. Working as a documentary photographer in the 1950s and 1960s, George Hunter (1921–2013) photographed the industrial sector, including oil and gas, forestry, and mining. His work recognizes the role of natural resources and industry in the booming postwar economy.³⁴



George Hunter, *Dofasco and Stelco Steel Mills, Hamilton, Ontario, 1954*, dye transfer print, 31.2 x 42.1 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto. © Canadian Heritage Photography Foundation.

Over the course of the twentieth century, Canadian perspectives on industry changed significantly, and the initial celebratory tone of the earlier work of photographers gave way to critical investigations of land use, pollution, and the human impact on the environment. The growing concern regarding the environmental consequences of human activity in the 1970s led some photographers to explore the idea of the human-altered landscape. Artists offering commentary on the state of the environment include Edward Burtynsky (b.1955), who began producing large-scale, richly coloured, and highly detailed photographs of mine tailings, marble quarries, and oil fields, and Geoffrey James (b.1942), whose panoramic landscapes of European gardens and villas tell a different story about the domestication of nature. The series of majestic black and white photographs of the remains of Rockland Bridge, New Brunswick, by Thaddeus Holownia (b.1949) illustrates the impact of a wider battle between humans and nature. The ongoing destruction of a 200-year-old bridge on the Bay of Fundy points to potential fallout from the meeting between human hubris and the power of nature.

Conceptual artists also worked with photography to critique romantic ideals of landscape and deconstruct colonial power relations. The photographic series by American theorist and artist Allan Sekula, *Geography Lesson: Canadian Notes*, which toured North America in 1986 and 1987, visualized Canada as a land shaped by the demand for natural resources.³⁵ *Long Beach BC to Peggy's Cove Nova Scotia, 1971*, by Roy Kiyooka (1926–1994) is a photo series and

travel narrative of the artist's sensory and emotional experience relating to his move from Vancouver to Nova Scotia for a teaching position at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD). Moving from west to east, and composed of image fragments, Kiyooka emphasizes geographic displacement and disrupts the idea of the Trans-Canada Highway as a symbol of national unity.³⁶



Thaddeus Holownia, *Lower Dorchester*, August 1983, gelatin silver print, 20.2 x 46.9 cm; image: 16.5 x 40.5 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

Another work that uses the grid format is by Marlene Creates (b.1952). *Sleeping Places, Newfoundland*, 1982, shows the artist's imprint on the land from places she slept during a two-month journey around the island. In this work, Creates established a relationship with the land that was about memory and experience rather than dominance and control.³⁷ For these Conceptual artists, photography offered a means of contesting conventional Western ideas about the world.



LEFT: Allan Sekula, *Sudbury*, from *Geography Lesson: Canadian Notes*, 1985–86 (MIT Press & Vancouver Art Gallery, 1997). RIGHT: Marlene Creates, *Sleeping Places, Newfoundland* (detail), 1982, twenty-five selenium-toned silver prints, images: 27 x 39 cm each; installed: 259 x 436.8 cm, Memorial University of Newfoundland Collection, The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery, St. John's. © Marlene Creates / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

Photography as Evidence and Communication: Documentary and Photojournalism

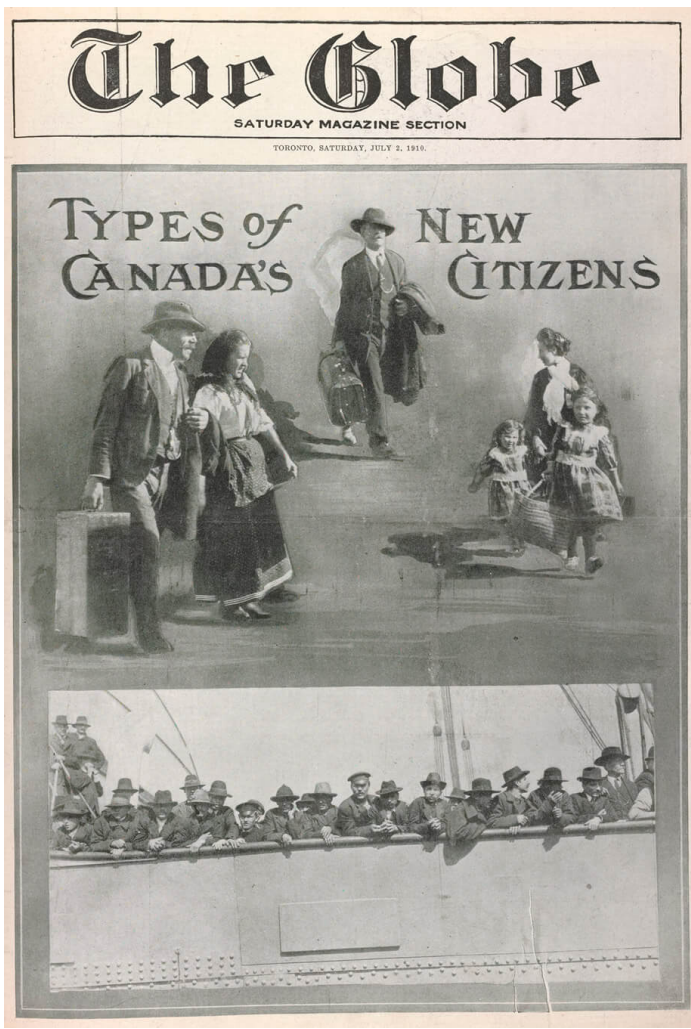
A photograph from 1893 showing people gathered around a broken section of the intake pipe that supplied water from Lake Ontario to the residents of Toronto illustrates how images have long been used to record noteworthy events. This disruption to the city's water supply caused an outbreak of typhoid fever; shortly after the photo was taken, the city engineer modernized the water system.



LEFT: F.W. Micklethwaite, *Waterworks upheaval*, 1893, black and white photograph, 16 x 20 cm, City of Toronto Archives. RIGHT: Lewis Benjamin Foote, *Interior of 109 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg; Blood-spattered kitchen after fatal stabbing with a pocketknife*, 1922, gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 24.8 cm, Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

During the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, municipal governments in growing urban centres such as Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg used photography not only to record events but also as evidence to manage perceived problems, such as poverty and criminality.³⁸ Photography was an important tool in urban reform initiatives, such as the Medical Health Officer's surveys of living conditions in downtown Toronto, and in policing, where photographers took mugshots for identifying criminals and made forensic photographs of crime scenes.³⁹

Photojournalism developed in Canada in the early twentieth century when newspapers and magazines began publishing photographs in illustrated weekend sections. Photographers such as William James (1866–1948), Jessie Tarbox Beals (1870–1942), and Lewis Benjamin Foote (1873–1957) were at the forefront of the field. The popular illustrated supplements of this time helped newspapers boost their circulation and generate a sense of connection to others.⁴⁰ News agencies that published papers and magazines adapted the use of photographs to target different readerships and to convey different perspectives. For instance, *The Globe*, a newspaper aimed at well-off professionals and the business community, was allied with the federal Liberal party and supported Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier's immigration agenda.⁴¹ To this end, it published illustrated stories, including one by journalist M.O. Hammond (1876–1934), in its Saturday magazine emphasizing the role of immigrants in nation building. The illustrated format appealed to readers' emotions and encouraged a sense of social responsibility.⁴² By 1922, the increased demand for pictures led *The Globe* to hire John H. Boyd (1898–1971) as its first staff photographer.



LEFT: "Types of Canada's New Citizens," *The Globe*, Saturday, July 2, 1910, magazine section, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.
RIGHT: Emily Weaver, "The Italians in Toronto," *The Globe*, Saturday, July 16, 1910, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



Photographers were not normally credited for their work in newspapers and magazines in the early twentieth century, so Edith Watson (1861–1943), who made her living in travel photography, was ahead of many of her colleagues by insisting that she receive credit as well as payment for her images. With stories about women in rural communities published in popular magazines such as *Canadian Magazine* and *Maclean's*, Watson brought a Pictorialist aesthetic to a mainstream readership.⁴³

Documentary and photojournalism are closely related as both are generally accepted as realistic representations of the world, and both were mobilized in nation building. The documentary genre became popular in the 1930s and 1940s when the first director of the National Film Board of Canada (NFB), John Grierson (1898–1972), embraced film and photography as a means of unifying the nation. Grierson believed in the power of the collective and considered documentary a means for telling human stories with a social message.⁴⁴ Under Grierson's direction, the NFB Still Photography Division created an idealized image of Canadian life that influenced concepts of nationhood.⁴⁵



When illustrated magazines were at their peak in the 1950s and early 1960s, photo stories contributed to the image of Canada as a stable and prosperous nation. The NFB Still Photography Division continued to play a central role in both documentary and photojournalism, especially between 1955 and 1969, when the agency supplied hundreds of ready-to-use photo stories to newspapers and magazines in Canada and abroad.⁴⁸ Staff photographers Chris Lund (1923–1983) and Gar Lunney (1920–2016) carried out the agency's mission, and freelance photographers, including Rosemary Gilliat Eaton (1919–2004), Ted Grant (1929–2020), Richard Harrington (1911–2005), George Hunter, and Sam Tata (1911–2005) were also hired on assignment.⁴⁹

During this period, many newspapers published inserts that mimicked the format of the illustrated magazines and featured longer photographic stories.

The *Weekend Magazine*, one of the nation's most popular weekly supplements, turned to colour photography to convey a concept of multicultural nationalism.⁵² However, not all of the documentary photo stories published during this era were understood as presenting a positive or celebratory picture of Canada. In 1972, a group of young photographers including Claire Beaugrand-Champagne (b.1948) and Michel Campeau (b.1948) received a grant to spend several months living and working in the rural community of Disraeli, Quebec. When the resulting photographs were published in the Quebec press, they generated a critical backlash for presenting a "miserabilist" view of the community and initiated a conversation about ethics and power in photography.⁵³



Page from *Between Friends / Entre Amis* (Toronto and Ottawa: McClelland & Stewart Ltd., and the National Film Board of Canada Still Photography Division, 1976), 224–25.

In the 1970s and 1980s, photojournalism continued to shape popular opinion. Press photography influenced the public perception of prominent figures, and it was used to tell the stories of underrepresented Canadians. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who served as prime minister from 1968 to 1979 and 1980 to 1984, was a charismatic politician who was aware of the importance of photographs in shaping his image. An award-winning photograph of the prime minister with a young Justin Trudeau tucked under his arm taken by Rod MacIvor (b.1946) fostered a public image of the politician as a family man, while a photograph of Pierre Trudeau welcoming the Troeung family, refugees from Cambodia, taken by Murray Mosher (b.1945) presented an image of humanitarianism.



LEFT: Pierre Trudeau is saluted by an RCMP officer as he carries son Justin to Rideau Hall in 1973 to attend an outdoor reception for visiting heads of Commonwealth countries in Ottawa, August 23, 1973, photograph by Rod MacIvor, Postmedia / *The Ottawa Citizen*. This image won a National Newspaper Award for best feature photo in 1973. RIGHT: Press photograph of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau welcoming the Troeung family to Canada in Ottawa, December 1980, photograph by Murray Mosher, gelatin silver print, 25.5 x 20.5 cm.

In the 1970s and 1980s Canadians from diverse backgrounds started to tell their own stories in the press. Toronto's LGBT magazine, *The Body Politic* (1971–87) published photographs by journalist Gerald Hannon (1944–2022) that documented and celebrated the gay community. The Black-owned newspapers *Contrast* and *Share News*, and the magazine *Spear*, published the work of Black photographers including Jules Elder, Eddie Grant, Diane Liverpool (b.1958), Al Peabody, and James Russell (b.1946).⁵⁴ Their images celebrated the accomplishments of members of the Black community and portrayed events that were not represented in the mainstream press. But no matter the news story, photojournalism played an important role both in shaping communities and in relaying current events through photographs.

From Ethnographic Studies to Decolonizing Photography

In 1866, photographer Frederick Dally (1838–1914) accompanied a diplomatic expedition to First Nations on Vancouver Island and produced a large collection of portraits, which he marketed as cartes-de-visite. When he closed his business to move to the U.S., many of his negatives of First Nations subjects went to Hannah Maynard, who continued to sell these images for years to come.⁵⁵ This commodification of images of Indigenous life in the late nineteenth century is connected to the growth of organized tourism and the emergence of the discipline of anthropology.⁵⁶

Commercial photographers, missionaries, amateur ethnographers, and travellers all photographed Indigenous subjects, sometimes in the name of science, but also for personal use and to advance economic interests and political or religious agendas. In the late nineteenth century, photographers on government expeditions recorded aspects of Indigenous lives that were used in attempts to establish control over land, resources, and peoples. An early example is the photographs of Humphrey Lloyd Hime (1833–1903) for the 1858 Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition. While they were on inspection tours at the behest of the Department of Indian Affairs, government officials gathered demographic data and assessed whether Indigenous communities were likely to resist the government development initiatives. Meanwhile, commercial photographers such as Edward Dossetter (1843–1919) were specifically hired to make ethnographic portraits during these excursions. These typological studies circulated in various ways, including in government reports, personal albums, and travel literature, and were widely available from 1860 until the early twentieth century.⁵⁷

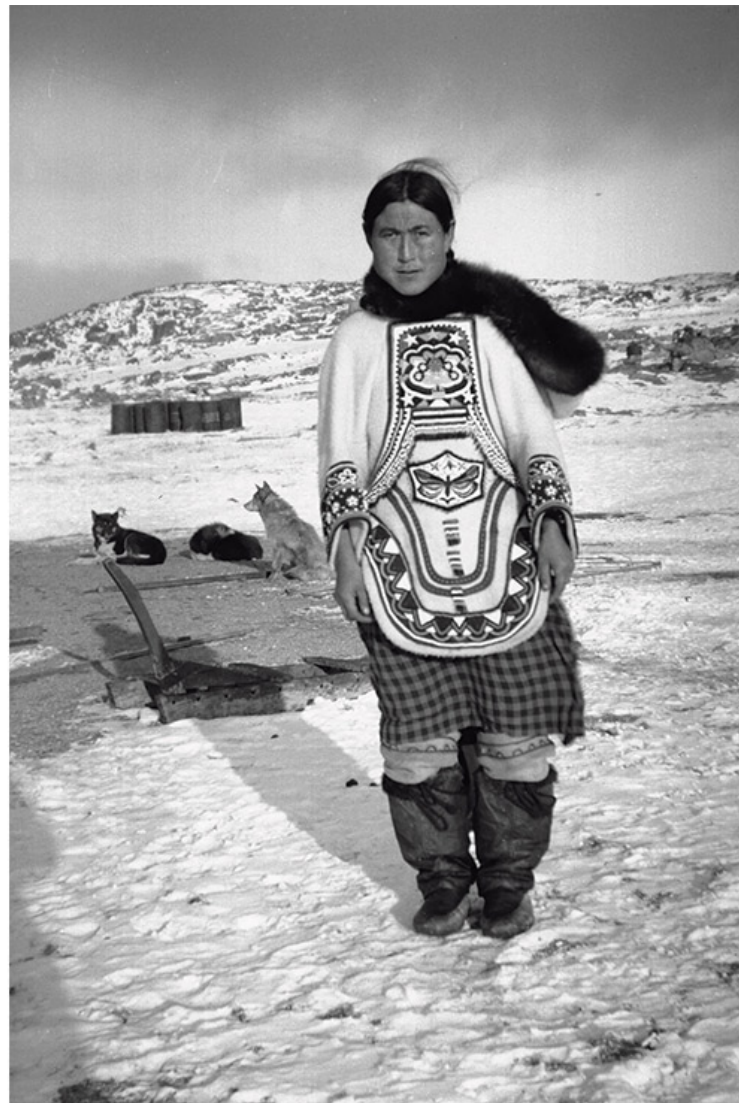


LEFT: Frederick Dally, page from *Photographic Views of British Columbia 1867–1870* (Dally Album Number 5), 1870, leather-bound embossed album containing ninety-one black and white photographic prints, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria. RIGHT: Edward Dossetter, *Haida woman plaiting a hat in Haida Gwaii*, 1881, albumen print, 17.7 x 15.4 cm, The British Museum, London, U.K.



As a genre, ethnographic photography was used to present an idea of Indigenous biological inferiority in an attempt to justify the political and economic interests of settler colonialism. Colonialism is rooted in a belief that there are biological differences between races, but science has proven that there is no genetic basis for this. This means that race is a social construct.⁵⁸ Although the ideology of race developed before the invention of photography, ideas about racial hierarchy were incorporated into European thought through the newly formed social sciences of ethnography and anthropology in the mid-nineteenth century. Ethnographers such as Charles Marius Barbeau (1883–1969) used photography in their fieldwork to document the material culture and customs of people who were thought to be biologically inferior, and photographs were considered evidence to support pre-existing ideas about a racial hierarchy.⁵⁹

However, even within the oppressive context of settler colonialism, numerous Indigenous photographers resisted the ethnographic perspective that informed mainstream culture. Peter Pitseolak (1902–1973), for example, took up the camera to document traditional Inuit culture and the modernization in his community at the same time the Canadian government was using ethnographic photography to lay claim to the north. Later, Pitseolak's grandson, Jimmy Manning (b. 1951), turned to photography to portray life in his community of Kinngait, Nunavut.



LEFT: Aggeok Pitseolak, *Peter Pitseolak with his favourite 122 camera*, c.1946–47, black and white negative, 11.4 x 6.4 cm, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau. RIGHT: Peter Pitseolak, *Aggeok Pitseolak wearing a beaded amauti*, c.1940–60, black and white negative, 5.7 cm x 8.9 cm, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau

Photography, like other forms of creative expression, also offered a way for Indigenous practitioners to connect with family and build community. Tlingit photographer George Johnston (1894–1972), for instance, revealed continuities between the past and present in his photographs of everyday life, creating a kind of “extended family album.”⁶⁰ For James Patrick Brady (1908–1967), photography was embedded in political activism and his quest for Métis revitalization, while portraits of Elders by Murray McKenzie (1927–2007) brought people together by creating links between generations.⁶¹ James Jerome (1949–1979), a Gwich’in photographer working in the Northwest Territories in the 1970s, also documented traditional activities and made portraits of Dene Elders in the Mackenzie Valley. These practitioners integrated photography into their daily lives and used it as a new way to tell their own stories.⁶²

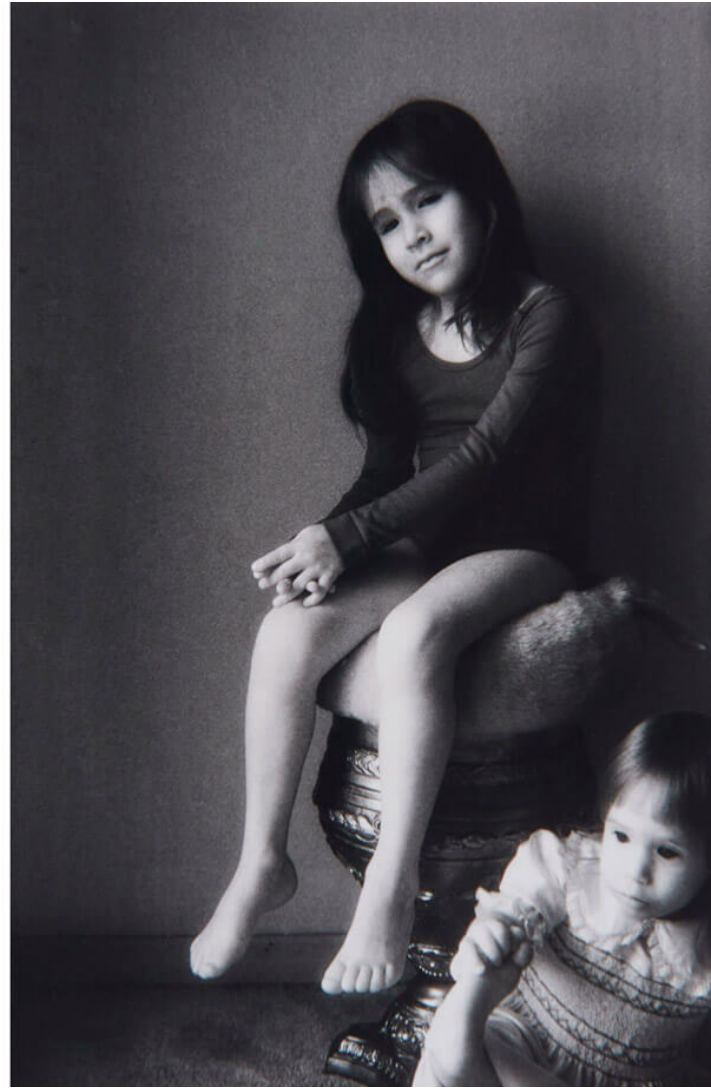


LEFT: George Johnston, *Hauling Freight on Teslin Lake—Fur, Grub*, c.1942–43, black and white print on Velox paper, Yukon Archives, Whitehorse. RIGHT: Murray McKenzie, *Elder Mary Monias (100) from Cross Lake First Nation*, c.1967–96, silver print on paper, 35.5 x 28 cm, Winnipeg Art Gallery.

During the 1970s, many Indigenous people and communities across Canada were invigorated by a growing political awareness, and numerous artists turned to photography to portray their own experiences and redefine their images. The 1980s were an important period for Indigenous art and activism, as First Nations, Inuit, and Métis artists, curators, and critics attempted to address systemic racism by gaining access to mainstream cultural institutions.⁶³ In 1985, a group of photographers founded the Native Indian / Inuit Photographers' Association (NIIPA) in Hamilton.⁶⁴ NIIPA offered training and organized conferences and exhibitions. From the beginning, the association was led by Indigenous women and was committed to gender equality.⁶⁵

At a time when Indigenous people were often pictured according to derogatory stereotypes, photographers turned to image-making as a positive form of self-representation and to reaffirm their cultural identity. Photographs by Dorothy Chocolate (b.1959), for example, depict people in her community of Gamètì (formerly Rae Lakes) practising traditional skills and living off the land.⁶⁶ Many of the photographers affiliated with NIIPA, including Jeff Thomas (b.1956), Shelley Niro (b.1954), and Greg Staats (Skarù:rę? [Tuscarora] / Kanien'kehá:ka [Mohawk] Hodinöhsö:ni', Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario, b.1963), have resisted the objectifying gaze of ethnographic photography and

have contributed a great deal to the decolonization process by restoring Indigenous perspectives.



LEFT: Dorothy Chocolate, *Mary Wettrade tans caribou hide*, Rae Lakes, NWT, August 1985, Collection of the artist. RIGHT: Shelley Niro, *Sisters*, 1987, black and white photograph, 25.5 x 17.5 cm, Indigenous Art Centre, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Gatineau.

Photography in Advertising and Commodity Culture

Commercial photographers were the first to explore the potential of photography as a commodity, and many studios, including the Livernois Studio in Quebec City, offered their clients collectible portraits of prominent figures, such as this cabinet card, c.1874–81, of Charles-Félix Cazeau, a French Canadian priest and the administrator of the Catholic Archdiocese of Quebec, as a way of increasing business.⁶⁷ Technical developments in the 1880s greatly improved the ease and speed of photography and advanced its integration into capitalist culture, and the widespread use of the halftone printing process in the 1890s furthered these connections by allowing for quick and inexpensive reproductions.

In the early twentieth century, governments and corporations in Canada embraced photography for their marketing campaigns. Advertising and related forms of commercial photography adapted existing photographic styles and genres to commodity culture because, unlike other types of photography, advertising photography does not have distinctive features. Instead, as media theorist Anandi Ramamurthy explains, this genre is best characterized by the way it “borrows from and mimics every existing genre of photographic and

cultural practice to enhance and alter the meaning of lifeless objects” as commodities.⁶⁸

In Canada, early advertising photography promoted the nation through representations of landscape. In the 1890s, government branches, such as the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior, began using photographs to market Canadian farm products, as well as to promote the country to potential settlers. Emigration agents adopted a range of methods to publicize the attractions of Canada and played a critical role in dispelling negative perceptions about the country overseas. Posters, pamphlets, newspaper advertisements, and public lectures illustrated with lantern slides were used to create a positive impression of Canada in Britain.⁶⁹

In 1911, Robert Rogers, the Minister of the Interior, described the country's immigration policy as “in the first instance simply an advertising policy—a means of placing the advantages of Canada before such people in other countries as we desire to induce to come to Canada.”⁷⁰ In the Prairie provinces, agriculture departments acquired photographs of harvest scenes from commercial photographers to attract farmers to the region.⁷¹ Similar strategies were used by municipalities in the early twentieth century as they sought to encourage commerce. Many guidebooks and souvenir booklets of Toronto showed scenes of wide, tree-lined streets with large houses, civic buildings, schools, and recreational activities. These photographically illustrated guidebooks introduced key features of the city as a means of promoting travel and business.⁷²



LEFT: Jules-Ernest Livernois, *Monseigneur Charles-Félix Cazeau*, c.1874–81, cabinet card, gelatin silver print, card: 10.5 x 6.3 cm; image: 9.4 x 5.7 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Québec City. RIGHT: *Evolution of a Homestead*, c.1906, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

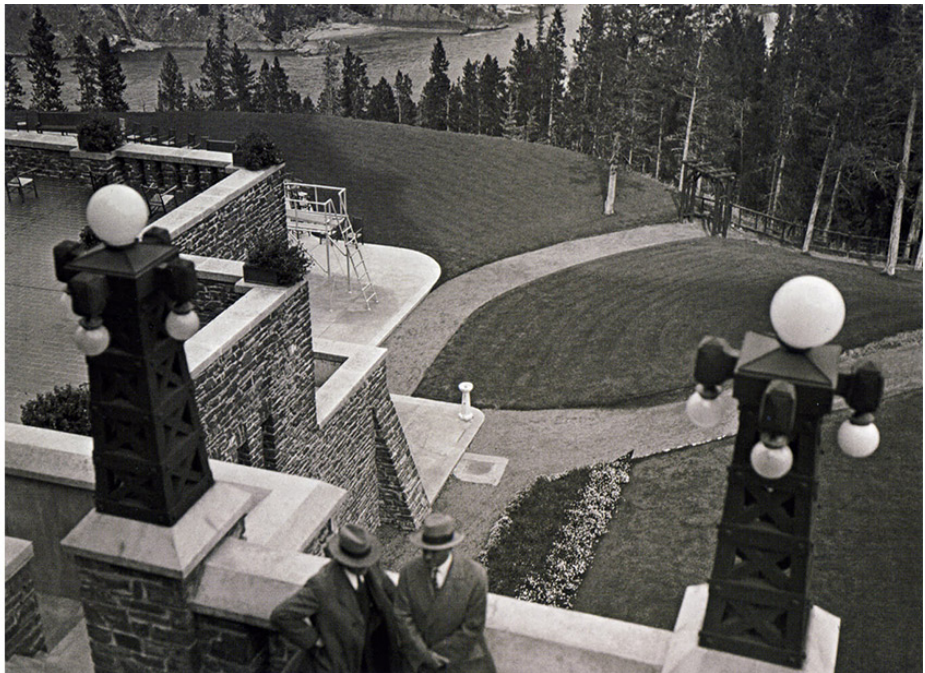




Canadian National Exhibition—Entrance to the Manufacturers and Liberal Arts Building

Canadian National Exhibition—Entrance to the Manufacturers and Liberal Arts Building, c.1910, photographer unknown, 17 x 26 cm, Toronto Public Library. This photograph was reproduced in *Toronto Illustrated: Together with a Historical Sketch of the City* (c.1910).

Corporate advertising overlapped with nation building in the 1910s and 1920s as the Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) launched wide-ranging publicity campaigns.⁷³ Both companies hired photographers to create scenic views that would promote settlement and tourism. The CPR's publicity department sought to construct an idea of the nation as rooted in the soil and then to associate the land with the company.⁷⁴ Minna Keene (1861–1943) and her daughter Violet Keene Perinchief (1893–1987) contributed to the CPR's marketing campaign by taking photographs in the Rockies for nearly four months during the summer of 1914.⁷⁵ Their images are modelled on traditional landscape paintings and seek to associate the splendors of nature with the transcontinental railway. John Vanderpant also received a commission from the CPR in 1929. However, instead of wilderness scenery, his photographs emphasize progress through modern, often abstract renderings of CPR hotels and other aspects of the built environment, as seen in his *View, taken from the hotel, of the exterior walls, lamps and grounds of the Banff Springs Hotel*, 1930.⁷⁶



LEFT: Minna Keene, *Evergreens and Mountains*, CPR, 1914–15, gelatin silver print, The Image Centre, Toronto. RIGHT: John Vanderpant, *View, taken from the hotel, of the exterior walls, lamps and grounds of the Banff Springs Hotel*, 1930, cellulose nitrate black and white negative, 20.3 x 25.4 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

The 1920s was the era of big business, expanded production, and newly standardized systems of management, and advertising photography flourished. In this context, corporate advertising was designed to stimulate demand for a wide variety of newly available products. Photography became popular in advertising, almost replacing illustration over the course of the decade.⁷⁷ Advertising agencies, informed by advances in psychology, began to produce ads that appealed to the emotions and desires of consumers.⁷⁸

Although the commercial realm was not exempt from the gender discrimination that plagued other fields of photography, there were some opportunities for women. Likely because they were also targeted as consumers, women were considered well suited to work in the field.⁷⁹ Margaret Watkins was a trailblazer who adapted the style and motifs of her domestic still lifes for modern advertising. In her work for Macy's department store and the J. Walter Thompson ad agency, she emphasized sensuous elements to convey luxury and pleasure. In an ad for Cutex, she photographed a woman's elegant hands holding a teacup. Although the product advertised is a manicure set, what sells the commodity is the idea of a well-groomed woman. Watkins understood that ads could attract consumers through the allure of an image and a concept rather than by calling attention to the product.⁸⁰



LEFT: Margaret Watkins, *"The Well Groomed Woman's Manicure,"* Cutex advertisement, 1925, page from *Ladies' Home Journal*, 35 x 26 cm. RIGHT: Margaret Watkins, *Myers Gloves*, 1924, 25.4 x 20.3 cm.

Over the next several decades, numerous photographers adapted stylistic features from portraiture and art for the world of advertising as they represented concepts and emotions that would make products and services appealing to consumers. *Fast*, made in the 1930s by Brodie Whitelaw (1910–1995), integrated his understanding of geometric form, which he first explored in his artistic works, into his commercial photography. Yousuf Karsh, who participated in advertising campaigns for companies such as Ford Canada and Atlas Steel in the 1950s, used the characteristic drama of his portraiture to portray factory workers in a heroic light. These industrial portraits were printed in company brochures, annual reports, calendars, and international magazines.⁸¹ Some were exhibited in art galleries and other venues, and they were described as capturing “the spirit and romance of the automotive industry.”⁸²

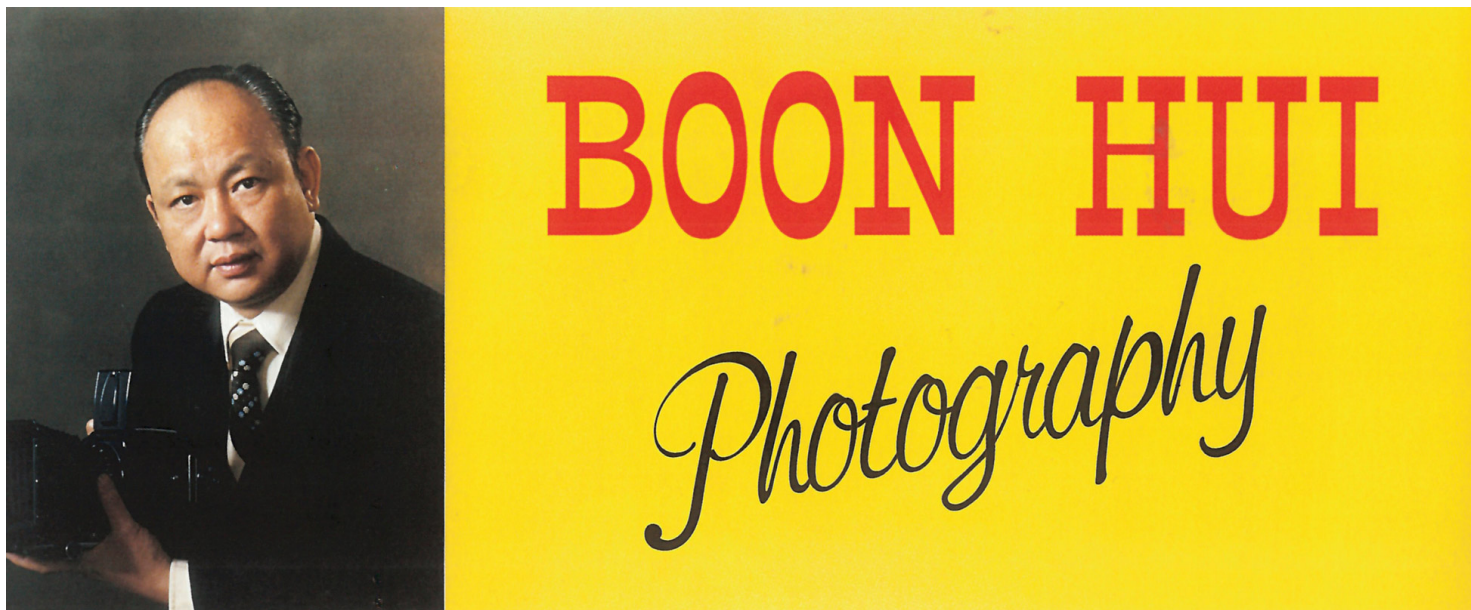


LEFT: Brodie Whitelaw, *Fast*, 1930s, gelatin silver print, 25.6 x 35.5 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Yousuf Karsh, *Theophile St. Pierre, Acetylene Cutting Torch Welder Burning Tractor Axles, Foundry*, 1951, gelatin silver print, 45.7 x 35.6 cm, Art Gallery of Windsor-Essex.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Montreal-based photographer June Sauer (b.1924) worked on fashion shoots for high-end department stores including Ogilvy's and Holt Renfrew. She brought a playful sensibility to her work, using and naturalizing mainstream constructs of gender and sexuality to sell outfits. In the 1980s, contemporary artists including Vikky Alexander, Ian Wallace (b.1943), and Ken Lum brought a critical eye to consumer culture. Appropriating images and techniques from commercial photography, they investigate the mechanisms of advertising in their artwork.

Lum's *Portrait Attributes* series (1987–91) pairs portraits with signage reminiscent of billboard advertising, drawing attention to the tropes that have defined commercial photography. In one image from that series, *Boon Hui*, 1987, Lum paid homage to the studio photographer who taught him how to use

a camera.⁸³ Lum's work and other artistic interventions show how commercial photography relies on stereotypes and predictability, rather than on the uniqueness that defines contemporary art. There is a certain irony in the postmodern artists' critique of advertising photography coming to pass at the same moment that the high-end art market embraced photography.



Ken Lum, *Boon Hui*, 1987, dye-coupler print and plastic Letraset on opaque Plexiglas, 100.3 x 243.8 x 5.4 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



Techniques & Technologies

Daguerrotypes and calotypes, the first photographic processes, arrived on the scene in 1839 and quickly captured the attention of the public. Although critics recognized these new technologies would change the way people engaged with the world, they debated their artistic merit and commercial applications. The first photographers in Canada were European and American immigrants or tourists who introduced these new techniques and processes through business ventures or informal apprenticeships. From portrait studios mass-producing cartes-de-visite to amateurs taking family snaps with celluloid roll film, photographic technologies and techniques have distinctively shaped how photography was practised in Canada.

Daguerreotypes and Calotypes

When the daguerreotype process was introduced to the public in January of 1839, it quickly captured international attention. Developed in France by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce (1765–1833) and Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre (1787–1851), the daguerreotype is a one-of-a-kind image made on thin sheets of silver-plated copper. Daguerreotype cameras were essentially lightproof wooden boxes with simple lenses that produced a crisp image with a mirror-like reflective finish.¹ The surface of a daguerreotype is fragile, so they were usually covered with glass and kept in cases or frames, giving them a precious quality. The daguerreotype was the first widely used photographic process in Canada and the first commercially viable format.



Honoré Daumier, *A new process used to achieve graceful poses*, June 5, 1856, plate 4 from the series *Les Croquis Parisiens*, from the journal *Le Charivari*, lithograph, 27.2 x 36.9 cm, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven.

News of the technology reached North America in April 1839, when the *New York Observer* published a letter written by American artist and inventor Samuel Morse (1791–1872), who had visited Daguerre and witnessed his invention in France.² In May, Morse's letter was reprinted in a Toronto newspaper, the *Patriot*.³ The following year, Canadian newspapers began running advertisements for commercial daguerreotypists, many of whom were travelling entrepreneurs from the United States. By the early 1850s, daguerreotype studios were found in every major city throughout the Province of Canada.⁴ At first, exposure times were long and sitters often appear constrained, but with technical improvements, they are seen in more natural poses, such as in the portrait of the Kirkpatrick family. Especially popular for portraiture, the daguerreotype was the dominant photographic process in British North America until 1860.⁵

The other early photographic process was the calotype, developed by William Henry Fox Talbot (1800–1877) in England in 1841. This process produced a paper negative that could be printed on sensitized paper to create a photograph. Although the calotype process was never widely used in Canada or the United States, it provided the basis for subsequent photographic processes because it was easily reproducible.⁶



Thomas Kirkpatrick and his family. Left to right: Thomas Kirkpatrick, a son of about 15 years old (George Airey?), a daughter (Helen Lydia?), Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick (née Helen Fisher), c.1855, photographer unknown, daguerreotype, 10.8 x 14 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

The Wet Plate Process and the Expansion of Professional Photography

Over the course of the 1850s, the daguerreotype process was replaced by the collodion wet plate process. The wet plate process combined the sharp focus of the daguerreotype with the reproductive possibilities of the calotype, so it was well suited for commercial and bureaucratic use. Developed in England by F. Scott Archer (1813–1857) and in use from 1851, the wet plate process produced negative images on glass plates. With its short exposure times and sharp, detailed negatives, it was easier to obtain consistently good results with the wet plate process than with earlier methods, although it still required a knowledge of chemistry and considerable equipment.⁷ As an alternative to daguerreotypes, the main benefit of the wet plate process was its reproducibility. Using glass plate negatives, photographers could produce paper prints with a greater ease and detail than was possible with paper negatives created with the calotype process.



LEFT: *Portrait of Alexander Vidal*, c.1850-70, photographer unknown, ambrotype, Archives and Special Collections, Western University, London. RIGHT: Alexander Henderson, *Intercolonial Railway, Southwest Miramichi Bridge*, 1875, albumen print, 15.5 x 20.2 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

A chemical variation on the wet plate process transformed negatives into positives, and these were shown with a black backing in a decorative case, similar to daguerreotypes. This format, known as the ambrotype, was especially popular for portraiture in Canada in the late 1850s. Ambrotypes were relatively simple and inexpensive to make because there was no printing involved, and their surface was not as reflective as the polished silver of daguerreotypes.⁸

Until the end of the nineteenth century, most paper negatives and glass plate negatives were translated into positive prints using contact printing, which involved exposing light-sensitive paper while in direct contact with a negative. The resulting print has the same dimensions as its negative.⁹ The light-sensitive paper favoured by photographers during the second half of the nineteenth century was albumen printing paper, which was treated with a solution of egg whites and silver salts. Albumen prints were glossier than other papers, and this paper remained popular until the end of the nineteenth century, when it was replaced by gelatin paper.¹⁰ In the poetic depiction of a railway bridge over the Miramichi River by Alexander Henderson (1831-1913), the paper's delicate sheen contributes to the atmosphere of the scene. With gelatin silver prints, the light-sensitive silver salts were bound by gelatin as opposed to egg whites. The gelatin silver prints were more stable than albumen prints because they did not contain sulphur, which caused paper to yellow over time. In addition, gelatin silver papers were more easily manufactured and distributed.¹¹

Starting in the late 1850s, Canadian photography studios found success with new formats made using the wet collodion process. Stereographs, cartes-de-visite, and cabinet cards became popular, and they ushered in the beginning of mass production in photography.¹² Stereographs consist of two photographs of the same subject taken at slightly different angles to produce the illusion of depth when viewed through an optical device called a stereoscope.¹³ They were relatively inexpensive to produce, and scenic views and other subject matter were sold in most photographic studios. Louis-Prudent Vallée (1837-

1905) was a popular stereographer who catered to tourists visiting Quebec City and the surrounding region, creating images such as *La Porte Saint-Louis, Québec*, c.1879–90.



LEFT: Brewster-style stereoscope, unknown maker, c.1850, wood, metal, foil, and glass, overall (lid open): 12.5 x 18.5 x 15 cm, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, New York. RIGHT: Derogy stereo camera, c.1870, wood, leather, metal, and glass, 21.5 x 26.5 x 45.5 cm, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, New York.

The novelty of the carte-de-visite, or visiting card, was fully embraced for portrait photography. Patented in France in 1854 by André Adolphe-Eugène Disdéri, this inexpensive format was quickly adopted by studios in Canada. Cartes-de-visite were produced with a special camera that could take eight or more images per plate. This greatly increased the productivity of the photographer, and it allowed for the division of labour, so that relatively unskilled workers could do the cutting and printing necessary to produce the final product. Posing was formulaic and the process was quick, in part because facial expressions were not important in images so small. Nonetheless, acclaimed studios such as the Livernois Studio (1854–1979) still managed to produce elegant images.

The 1850s also brought the rise of the middle class, and many families began creating photographic albums filled with the likenesses of family members, friends, and even celebrities. The commercial success of the carte-de-visite inspired the introduction of cabinet cards in the 1860s. These took essentially the same form as the carte-de-visite, only they were four times larger. The increased size allowed for greater detail, which offered the opportunity for a variety of poses and settings to display a sitter's identity, as in this portrait of Reverend Hawkins, an abolitionist and pastor who lived in Amherstburg, Ontario.¹⁴ As commercial studios expanded, they created albums of proofs to keep track of



LEFT: Page 13 of the Peterkin Family (Theresa Bywater Peterkin) Album, mid- to late nineteenth century, two cartes-de-visite, albumen prints, mount: 10.5 x 6.3 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto. RIGHT: Westlake Brothers, *Reverend Horace H. Hawkins*, c.1871, cabinet card, 10.6 x 16.5 cm, Archives of Ontario, Toronto.

photographs, so clients could browse the selections available for purchase after a sitting.

An even less expensive version of the wet collodion process was the ferrotype, more commonly known as the tintype. First introduced in the early 1850s, these were made in a variety of sizes on black-lacquered sheet iron.¹⁵ Tintypes were often used to make portraits, and itinerant photographers such as Duncan Donovan (1857–1933) sold them as keepsakes to working-class visitors at fairs and tourist destinations. They were popular and common photographs in North America because they were durable and relatively easy to make, but for many years they were not widely collected by institutions nor studied.¹⁶ Recent scholarly attention to everyday uses of photography, however, has shown there is much to learn from these modest objects. For instance, the exhibition *Free Black North*, held at the Art Gallery of Ontario in 2017, explored how tintypes offered Black people living in small-town Ontario a means of expressing their aspirations, such as in the image of the man smoking a cigar.¹⁷



LEFT: William James Topley, page from a Topley Studio Counterbook (studio proof album), original negative numbers 129129–129148, March 1913, albumen prints, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: *Unidentified man with a cigar*, c.1870–80, photographer unknown, tintype, 8.9 x 6.4 cm, Brock University Archives, St. Catharines.

The wet plate process was used outside of the studio setting, but not without significant challenges. When Humphrey Lloyd Hime (1833–1903) was documenting the 1858 Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition, he had to cart all the fragile and cumbersome equipment for making and developing wet plate photography. The equipment included the cameras and a tripod, along with glass plates, chemicals, and a darkroom tent. The process also required clean water for treating and developing the negatives. In spite of these difficulties, Hime achieved some good results, and a selection of his

photographs of the prairies were published in the expedition report by Henry Youle Hind (1823–1908).¹⁸

During the 1850s and 1860s, most photographically illustrated books featured tipped-in albumen prints that were pasted onto pieces of heavy card stock bound with the other book pages.¹⁹ The first Canadian literary work illustrated with albumen prints was published in 1865. Titled *Maple Leaves: Canadian History and Quebec Scenery* by James MacPherson Le Moine (1825–1912), the book included photographs by Jules-Isaïe Benoît Livernois (1830–1865), which showed selected locations described in the text.²⁰



Jules-Isaïe Benoît Livernois, *Belvidère Lodge*, from the illustrated book *Maple Leaves: Canadian History and Quebec Scenery*, 1865, albumen silver print, 8.9 x 12.3 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Québec City.

Starting in the 1860s, photomechanical processes were developed and applied to book illustration. A photomechanical print is a photographic image printed in ink. One of the earliest photomechanical processes was carbon printing, where a photographic image was transferred to a paper support from carbon tissue, a piece of paper coated with light-sensitive pigmented gelatin. Carbon prints were suitable for reproduction because the results were predictable and stable, although the process was labour intensive. This print was most often used in large-scale commercial production or by some Pictorialist photographers who were interested in its potential for painterly effects.²¹ Minna Keene (1861–1943) used carbon printing to produce evocative images such as *Harvesters*, c.1905, and *Fruit Study*, c.1905.

Carbon printing and other extant photomechanical printing processes were not always practical for commercial printers, and most books, newspapers, and periodicals were illustrated by woodcuts or wood engravings until the development of halftone printing. This process involved translating a photograph into a pattern of dots that could be printed with a letterpress.²² The first halftone reproduction of a photograph, a portrait of Prince Arthur by William Notman (1826–1891), appeared in the inaugural issue of the *Canadian Illustrated News* on October 30, 1869. With the development of halftone printing, it became easier to reproduce and disseminate photographs to a wide audience.²³



LEFT: Minna Keene, *Harvesters*, c.1905, printed c.1920, carbon print, 27.6 x 20.4 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Minna Keene, *Fruit Study*, c.1905, carbon print, 25.6 x 31.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

The Dry Plate Process and New Potential for Photography

The main technological development of the 1870s was the introduction of the dry plate process. It was far less restrictive than wet collodion because glass plates coated with a light-sensitive gelatin could be dried and exposed up to several months after they were prepared. This advancement allowed for the mass production and distribution of glass plate negatives and freed photographers from their darkrooms stocked with chemical solutions. However, an initial lack of standardization by manufacturers created challenges for photographers, and some professionals stuck with wet collodion for years. With further technical refinements, the dry plate process became more reliable and was adopted as the new standard.²⁴

The dry plate gelatin process was a game changer in Canada because it was more mobile and remained stable, even during extreme weather and in harsh environments. Charles Horetzky (1838–1900), who was hired to photograph possible routes for Canadian Pacific Rail tracks through northern Saskatchewan and Alberta, was only able to produce photographs in freezing temperatures successfully because he used the dry plate process.²⁵ Compared to the wet plate process, commercially prepared dry plates were faster and easier to use, and in the 1870s, it became routine for geologists and surveyors working for government agencies such as the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) to



Charles Horetzky, *Canadian Pacific Railway Survey. In the heart of the Rocky Mountains. A snowstorm*, 1872, dry collodion process, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

take photography supplies with them on their expeditions. This ease of use in turn led to other advancements. Édouard Deville (1849–1924), the Surveyor General of Canada, recognized the potential of the dry plate process for topographical surveys of the west. Under his direction, surveyors applied the gelatin process to photogrammetry, a method for gathering topographical data, which allowed them to efficiently map a vast mountainous region.²⁶

The relative ease and affordability of the dry plate process also made photography more accessible to amateurs like Mattie Gunterman (1872–1945) and, in the 1880s and 1890s, many people enthusiastically embraced this new technique. Photographers in rural communities took up photography, with families, friends, livestock, farms, and landscapes as popular subjects, such as in images by Marsden Kemp (1865–1943), an amateur photographer in Kingston and Picton, Ontario.²⁷



Marsden Kemp, *MacDonell farm*, c.1898–1920, black and white print, Archives of Ontario, Toronto.

With the easy-to-use technology and new lightweight, hand-held cameras, more women also began to pursue photography as a pastime. However, instead of challenging gender conventions, this merely reinforced the prevailing idea that women were not suited to the more technically complex processes.²⁸ This stereotype persisted even though many women were employed in photographic studios. In Notman's Montreal studio in the 1870s, for instance, women held many positions and were involved in printing, retouching, and mounting photographs, along with administrative tasks.²⁹

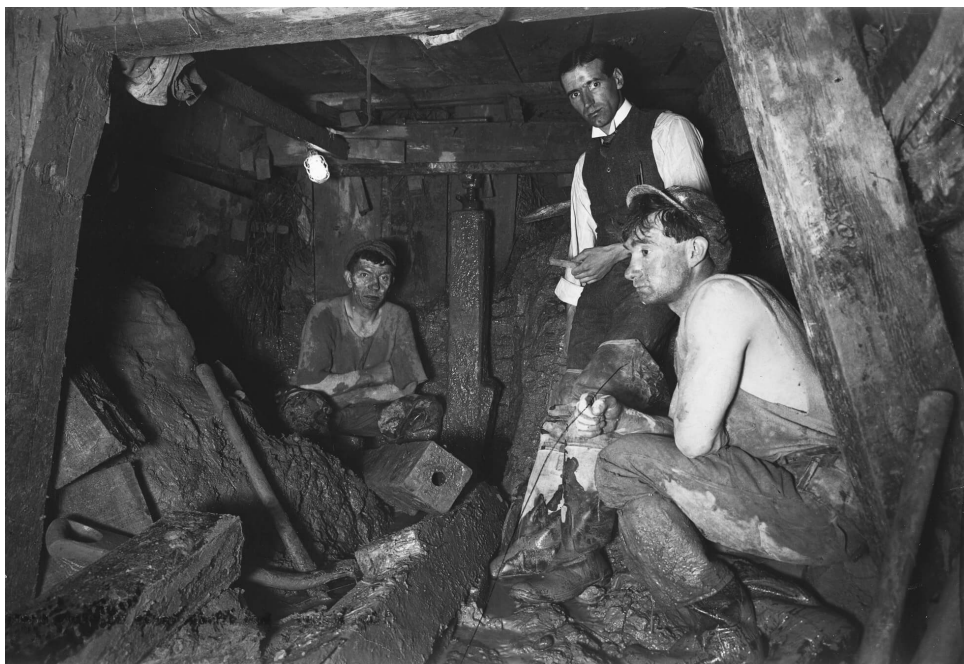
The dry plate process was also used to produce glass lantern slides, often referred to as "magic" lantern slides. They were shown at public lectures and functioned as both education and entertainment. Lecturers travelled to large cities and small towns across the country and abroad, sharing news and views. Some slide shows were sponsored by companies and others were organized by individuals. The Winnipeg Exhibition Company, for instance, presented a travelling lantern slide lecture showing "photographic views along the CPR."³⁰ Mary Schäffer (1861–1939) presented lantern slides, such as this one of a hiker picking flowers, in lectures on her adventures in the Rockies to audiences in Canada and the U.S. in the 1910s.³¹



LEFT: Mary Schäffer, *Hiker picking flowers beneath Vice President and President*, c.1900–1920, hand-tinted lantern slide, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff. RIGHT: *Collecting Ground for Dinosaur Remains in the Badlands of Southern Alberta*, early twentieth century, photographer unknown, hand-tinted glass lantern slide, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau.

On the Prairies, lantern slide lectures on new products and farming methods were an important source of information. From 1914 to 1922, the University of Saskatchewan delivered a “school on wheels” program, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture. Railroad cars were set up as travelling theatres, called “Better Farming Trains,” and these would travel to remote regions of the province, reaching audiences of approximately thirty to forty thousand each summer.³² Researchers working for the GSC made lantern slides during their excavation of dinosaur remains in the Badlands of southern Alberta, and these helped to explain archaeological procedures, such as the preparation of fossils for shipment to Ottawa.

By the end of the nineteenth century, new technologies also expanded the capabilities of photographers to reveal dark domestic interiors and subterranean storm sewers. The dry plate process was used in conjunction with other technological developments, including magnesium flash powders and electrical lighting. Introduced in the 1880s, magnesium flash powders were mixed with an oxidizing agent that made them combustible to a small spark. Though dangerous, flash powders enabled photographers to practise flash photography outside of the studio setting, where artificial light was common by the end of the century.³³ The City of Toronto’s first official photographer, Arthur Goss (1881–1940), used magnesium flash powders and, eventually, flashbulbs to photograph the living conditions of the city’s residents and to document the construction of its sewers.³⁴



Arthur Goss, *Storm Overflow Sewer, Barton Avenue*, June 5, 1912, black and white photo print, 13 x 18 cm, City of Toronto Archives.

A key feature of the dry plate gelatin process is its permanence over time. Both the glass plate and the gelatin chemistry are relatively stable, and scholars are able to study the work of many late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century photographers in Canada because they used this process. Even when prints have not survived, the glass plate negatives have. There are numerous stories from across the country of boxes of glass plate negatives discovered in attics, basements, and garages after many decades. The glass plate negatives of the Hayashi Studio (1911–1935) in Cumberland, British Columbia, for instance, have enabled historians to reconstruct aspects of Japanese immigrant history before the period of internment camps during the Second World War.³⁵ Mattie Gunterman's glass plate negatives survived years of neglect before they were recovered, providing a unique perspective on settler life.

The discovery in the 1980s of glass plate negatives taken on the Prairies by Black photographer William S. (Billy) Beale (1874–1968) also allows a reassessment of one man's legacy and offers new insight into the history of a Manitoba community.³⁶ Even though photographers from marginalized backgrounds were under-recognized in their own time and their work was not preserved by government institutions, we can acknowledge their important contributions today because their glass plate negatives still exist.



William S. Beal, *A Group of Thunder Hill, Manitoba, Suffragettes Pose for Billy Beal's Camera*, c.1915, black and white glass plate negative, Collection of Robert Barrow.

New Perspectives Through Celluloid Film

A major breakthrough in the late 1880s expanded the practice of photography once again. Although the stability of the dry plate process was advantageous, there were drawbacks to the glass plate support used for the gelatin emulsion. The glass added to the weight of a photographer's equipment and was prone to breakage. Experiments to find alternatives eventually led to the creation of a new material: celluloid, which was initially available in sheets before it was made into rolls.



Eastman Kodak Company, *Brownie Box Set*, c.1901, various materials, 15.2 x 40.6 x 22.9 cm, George Eastman Museum, Rochester, New York.

Camera technology advanced alongside this new film technology. Hand-held cameras had become possible with the faster exposure times of commercially produced gelatin dry plates in the 1870s, and in the late 1880s, new models were introduced that used roll film.³⁷ The most popular of these was the Kodak camera, introduced by George Eastman in 1888. Initially, this small, affordable hand-held camera was equipped with a roll holder spooled with enough sensitized paper to produce one hundred negatives. The following year, Kodak cameras were fitted with celluloid roll film. As suggested by the Kodak slogan "You press the button, we do the rest," consumers could send their film back to the company where it would be developed and printed for a small fee.

Kodak box cameras were easy to use and were marketed to women especially.³⁸ Amateur photographers often shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for photography with one another, sometimes photographing each other as they practised. However, even though the photographic industry made women more visible as photographers, it reinforced the idea that "serious" photography was too complicated for women and it relied on current conventions of femininity to sell products.³⁹

The small number of women who achieved commercial success as photographers also had to navigate gender stereotypes. When professional women were described as talented photographers, critics attributed this to supposedly feminine qualities, such as their artistic abilities or skill at relating to others, rather than to their technical expertise.⁴⁰ Even internationally recognized photographer Minna Keene was praised in a 1926 *Maclean's* magazine story as a "home-loving wife and mother," and although the author recognized her artistic talent, he made it clear that he thought a woman should not concern herself with commercial success.⁴¹



Leonora Schrader, *Helen Mallory Schrader photographing on her farm, near Borden, Saskatchewan*, c.1910, black and white glass plate negative, 8.1 x 10.8 cm, Saskatoon Public Library.

Hand-held cameras and celluloid roll film were also important during the First World War. Many young men carried the newly released Vest Pocket Kodak camera with them to the front lines, and in spite of censorship regulations, some soldiers made photographs and assembled albums.⁴² Photography was also used for tactical purposes during the war. This was the first war to use aviation technology, and military strategists used aerial photographs and other formats, such as battlefield panoramas, for reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering. For the most part, these photographs were not seen by the public until after the war; however, the public was informed about the developments in technology that made aerial surveillance possible. This helped to build faith in military strategy and technology as a solution to wartime hostilities.⁴³

New commercial applications for aerial photography were also made possible by celluloid film after the Second World War. In 1946, after serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, London photographer Ron Nelson (1915–1994) established a business specializing in aerial photography. His clients included large corporations such as Imperial Oil, Bell Telephone, and John Labatt, as well as local companies and institutions, such as the University of Western Ontario. His photographs were published in company reports, on posters, and in other promotional material.⁴⁴



LEFT: *Lens Sector—Front taken over by Canadian Corps*, October 1916, photographer unknown, gelatin silver prints, 54 x 88 cm, George Metcalf Archival Collection, Canadian War Museum, Ottawa. RIGHT: Ron Nelson, *The University of Western Ontario*, London, Ontario, January 30, 1960, gelatin silver print, Western University Archives, London.

Colour in Art and Commerce

The introduction of colour to photography during the early twentieth century dramatically changed the aesthetic and commercial potential of photography. There are a variety of colour photographic processes, each with its own distinct characteristics and applications. However, some, such as interferential photography, attributed to Gabriel Lippmann (1845–1921), were too complicated and expensive for widespread use. The autochrome, developed by the Lumière brothers and released in 1907, was the first commercially available process. This technique often produced soft, subdued colour well-suited to the Pictorialist aesthetic.⁴⁵ Hugo Viewegar (1873–1930), who learned the autochrome process before moving to Canada in 1912, explored the expressive potential of colour in portraiture.⁴⁶



LEFT: Attributed to Gabriel Lippmann, *Faverol, Normandy*, 1914, Lippmann interferential colour plate, private collection. RIGHT: Hugo Viewegar, *Hugo Viewegar's wife*, c.1913–14, autochrome photograph, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Edmonton.

A variety of chromogenic film became commercially available during the 1930s and 1940s. Chromogenic film is celluloid treated with three layers of light-sensitive gelatin, each of which registers only red, green, or blue light. Kodachrome, introduced in 1935, was the first colour transparency film, and it was initially limited to commercial applications because of how expensive it was. Slides in cardboard mounts that could be projected onto a screen using the Kodaslide projector became available soon after.⁴⁷

Fred Herzog (1930–2019) used Kodachrome to photograph Vancouver streets from the late 1940s until the 1990s, and he delighted in the film's distinctive red hues. However, because Kodachrome transparencies were difficult to print, Herzog's work was rarely exhibited until digital scanning and inkjet printing made it possible to reproduce the rich subtleties of the film.⁴⁸ With the introduction of Kodacolor in 1942, colour photographic prints could be made from chromogenic film negatives.⁴⁹ But because colour photography was earmarked for military use during the Second World War, the artistic and commercial possibilities of these new processes were only explored in the postwar period.



Fred Herzog, *New World Confectionery*, 1965, archival pigment print, various sizes, Equinox Gallery, Vancouver.



George Hunter, *Wild Horse Race, Calgary Stampede*, 1958, dye transfer print, 50.8 x 61 cm; image: 38.4 x 48.9 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

After the war, colour became popular. Dye transfer printing, which was first available in 1946, is a complex and technically demanding process that involves making separations of the colours that form a print. Each colour is printed individually; those individual colours are combined in layers to create the final image. The main benefit of the process is the ability to control the colour balance to create strong, saturated hues and a glossy finish. The rich hues give dye transfer prints a graphic quality, like in George Hunter's *Wild Horse Race, Calgary Stampede*, 1958, and this process was used extensively in postwar commercial photography and in print advertising.⁵⁰



LEFT: Gabor Szilasi, *Bathroom, Lotbinière*, 1977, printed 1979, dye-coupler print (Ektacolor), 25.6 x 19.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Charles Gagnon, *Untitled*, 1978, nine instant dye prints (Polaroid), Collection of the Estate of Charles Gagnon.

In the 1970s, colour photography became more affordable and it was embraced by photographers who had previously worked in black and white, as well as by artists who used a range of media.⁵¹ Gabor Szilasi (b.1928), for instance, turned to Kodak's Ektacolor film to explore the social and cultural significance of colour in a series of interiors. Polaroid Corporation introduced several instant colour processes using dye diffusion technology between 1963 and 1981, including the popular single-lens reflex camera, the SX-70. The instant film used with the Polaroid cameras was the result of complex chemical engineering and produced a single material artifact, but artists such as Charles Gagnon (1934–2003) created artwork such as *Untitled*, 1978, as a way of exploring the singularity of the Polaroid in a series.⁵²

Artists experimented with these new materials and techniques, and in the process they challenged previous distinctions between photography and contemporary art. Ojibwe artist Carl Beam (1943–2005) used collage and photo-transfer techniques in his work on the impact of European colonization, and P.Mansaram (1934–2020) worked in collage to explore the effects of mass media and the diasporic experience. Ron Benner (b.1949) created photographic murals to comment on globalization and the politics of food. Ektacolor murals of enlarged Polaroid images by Barbara Astman (b.1950) combine an overlay of typewritten letters to friends with new colour processes to create visual narratives of longing. Evergon (b.1946) used a large-format Polaroid camera to create compressed compositions that reference the theatricality of academic painting. These artists, and the many others who experimented with photography in the 1970s and 1980s, ultimately transformed the status of photography within the field of contemporary art.



LEFT: Barbara Astman, *I Was Thinking About You... Series (Dear Sandra)*, 1979-80, Ektacolor mural, 152.5 x 122 cm, Corkin Gallery, Toronto. RIGHT: Evergon, *Homage to the Old Man in Red Turban – The Burning of the Heretics*, 1985, instant dye print (Polaroid), 20 x 25.2 cm; image: 19.1 x 24 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



Where to See

Work by Canadian photographers can be found in numerous public and private collections. Although the following institutions hold the works listed below, they may not always be on view. This list contains only the works held in public collections discussed and illustrated in this book.

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Jennifer Dickson, *THE EARTHLY PARADISE: Homage to Claude Lorraine*, 1980

Mezzotint and watercolour on paper
56.5 x 76.5 cm
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Art Gallery of Hamilton

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Barbara Astman, *Untitled (Visual Narrative Series)*, 1978-79

SX-70 Ektacolor mural
121.9 x 152.4 cm

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

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Jamelie Hassan, *Meeting Nasser*, 1985

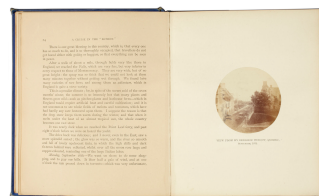
Five black and white photographs mounted on Masonite, three VCR videotapes and two laminated sheets
Dimensions variable

Art Gallery of Ontario

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Page 13 of the Peterkin Family (Theresa Bywater Peterkin) Album, mid- to late nineteenth century
Two cartes-de-visite, albumen prints
Mount: 10.5 x 6.3 cm



Lady Annie Brassey, *[View from Lady Brassey's window in Quebec City]*, 1872-73
Albumen print
Book: 20.8 x 17 cm;
image: 7.1 x 7.1 cm



Tramp Art Photo Display, c.1885, maker unknown
Cartes-de-visite: albumen prints (eleven), tintypes (five), wood, glass, and paper crown of thorn design with paint applied to rotating base and carved leaf and vine details



J.A. Spencer, page 8 of *Airships, Rigid and Non-Rigid*, Howden, 1916-19
Album: Gelatin silver print



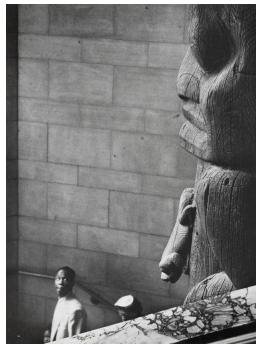
John Vanderpant, *No.2, Towers in White*, c.1934

Gelatin silver print
27 x 34.4 cm



Eugene Haanel Cassidy, *Plant Form Leaves with Circular Protrusion*, 1938

Chloro bromide print
39.9 x 50.9 cm



Michel Lambeth, *Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto*, 1957

Gelatin silver print
33.7 x 25.6 cm



Tess Boudreau, *Rita Letendre*, early 1960s

Gelatin silver print
23.7 x 34.8 cm



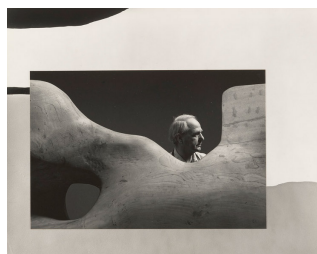
Michael Snow, *Four to Five*, 1962

Sixteen gelatin silver prints mounted on cardboard, framed
68 x 83 cm



Susanna and three friends outside, 1964-69, attributed to Andrea Susan

Chromogenic print
8.9 x 10.8 cm



Arnold Newman, *Henry Moore (collage), Much Hadham, England*, 1966-72

Collage: gelatin silver prints
Sheet: 26.2 x 33.2 cm



Michael Snow, *Atlantic*, 1967

Thirty gelatin silver prints, metal, wood, Arborite
171.1 x 245.1 x 39.9 cm



N.E. Thing Co., *Reflected Landscape*, 1968

Hand-tinted silver print, watercolour and graphite on paper, printed map, photographic transparency, and wood light box
54.3 x 64.3 x 21.5 cm



Ian Wallace, *Street Reflections (detail)*, 1970-91

Gelatin silver print
40.1 x 60.1 cm



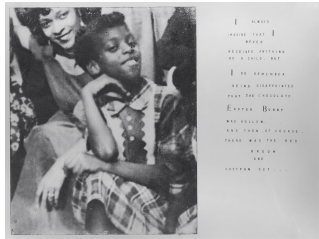
Pamela Harris, *Niloulaq and Willie in the darkroom*, 1973

Gelatin silver print
20.3 x 25.4 cm



Suzy Lake, *Are You Talking to Me? #3*, 1979

Five gelatin silver fibre-based prints with applied colour and two chromogenic prints
Installed dimensions variable



June Clark, *Formative Triptych* (detail), 1989

Three duratrans transparencies in lightboxes

111.5 x 152.2 cm

Photo of Bessie Smith © Carl Van Vechten Trust



Angela Grauerholz, *Harrison*, 1989

Cibachrome print

124.4 x 167.6 cm

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Yousuf Karsh, *Theophile St. Pierre, Acetylene Cutting Torch Welder Burning Tractor Axles, Foundry*, 1951

Gelatin silver print

45.7 x 35.6 cm

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Jimmy Manning,
Gathering/Spring Fishing (detail),
1999

Colour photograph
76 x 114 cm

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**Collecting Ground for
Dinosaur Remains in the
Badlands of Southern
Alberta, early twentieth
century, photographer
unknown**

Hand-tinted glass
lantern slide



**Frederick Wilkerson
Waugh, Simon
Bumberry with fishing
equipment, halfway
between Six Nations
Indian Reserve, Ontario
and Tuscarora Indian
Reserve, New York,
1912**

Black and white
negative
10.16 x 12.7 cm



**Charles Marius
Barbeau, Ferdinand
Roy's sisters baking
bread in the oven,
Pointe-à-la-Frégate,
Québec, 1938**

Black and white
negative
8.3 x 14 cm



**Peter Pitseolak, Aggeok
Pitseolak, Ashevak,
Johnniebo and an Inuit
woman dragging a
dead seal, c.1940-60**

Black and white
negative
6.4 x 8.9 cm



Peter Pitseolak, Aggeok Pitseolak wearing a beaded amauti, c.1940-60

Black and white
negative
5.7 x 8.9 cm



Peter Pitseolak, Ashevak Ezekiel and Kooyoo Pitseolak leaving on the dog sled, c.1940-60

Black and white
negative
6.4 x 8.9 cm



Peter Pitseolak, Distant view of Cape Dorset, c.1942-43

Black and white
negative
6.4 x 8.9 cm



Aggeok Pitseolak, Peter Pitseolak with his favourite 122 camera, c.1946-47

Black and white
negative
11.4 x 6.4 cm

Canadian War Museum

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Lens Sector-Front taken over by Canadian Corps, October 1916, photographer unknown

Gelatin silver prints
54 x 88 cm

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Minna Keene, *Our Malay Washerwoman*, 1903-13
Silver gelatin print



Minna Keene, *Evergreens and Mountains, CPR*, 1914-15
Gelatin silver print



Minna Keene, *Lake surrounded by mountains*, 1914-15
Carbon print



Violet Keene Perinchief, *African Appeal, Phyllis Marshall*, c.1935
Gelatin silver print with hand retouching



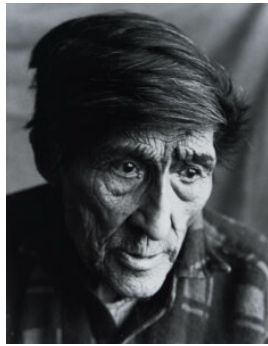
Violet Keene Perinchief, *Diana Boone, Toronto Society*, c.1940
Gelatin silver print

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Greg Staats, Skarù:rëʔ
[Tuscarora] /
Kanien'kehá:ka
[Mohawk]
Hodinöhsö:ni', Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario, Mary [Anderson Monture], 1982
Toned silver print
37 x 37 cm



Murray McKenzie, Daniel Spence, Lonesome Trapper, age 102, 1984
Black and white photograph
Image: 36.5 x 28.5 cm



Shelley Niro, Sisters, 1987
Black and white photograph
25.5 x 17.5 cm

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Humphrey Lloyd Hime, Freighter's Boat on the banks of the Red River, MB, 1858
Silver salts on paper mounted on paper, albumen process
13.7 x 17.1 cm



Humphrey Lloyd Hime, Red River, from St. Andrew's Church, MB, 1858
Silver salts on paper mounted on paper
13.6 x 17.2 cm



William Notman, Framework of tube and staging no. 8, Victoria Bridge, Montreal, QC, 1859
Silver salts on paper mounted on paper
22 x 29 cm



William Notman, Canada East, portfolio from the maple box, 1859-60
Silk, board, leather, and German silver
76.2 x 91.4 x 5.1 cm



**Jules-Isaïe Benoît
Livernois, *Monument to the Brave, Quebec City, c.1860***

Silver salts on paper
mounted on paper,
albumen process
25.7 x 23.4 cm



William Notman, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ferguson, Montreal, 1863

Silver salts on paper
mounted on paper
8.5 x 5.6 cm



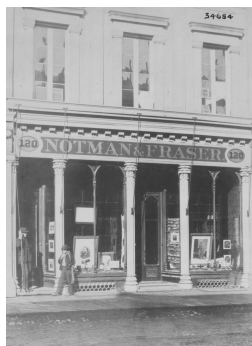
William Notman, *Around the Camp Fire, Caribou Hunting series, Montreal, 1866*

Silver salts on glass, wet
collodion process
20 x 25 cm



William Notman, *Master Bryce Allan, Montreal, QC, 1866*

Silver salts, watercolour
on card, albumen
process
55 x 45 cm



William Notman, *Notman & Fraser Photographic Studio, Toronto, ON, 1868*

Silver salts on paper
mounted on paper
17.8 x 12.7 cm



William Notman, Capt. Huyshe as "Cavalier of the time of Charles II," Montreal, QC, 1870

Silver salts on paper
mounted on paper,
albumen process
17.8 x 12.7 cm



Benjamin Baltzly, *Spuzzum River rapids, BC, 1871*

Wet collodion negative
20.3 x 25.4 cm



Notman & Sandham, *Notman & Sandham's Room, Windsor Hotel, Montreal, QC, 1878*

Silver salts on paper
mounted on paper
10 x 8 cm



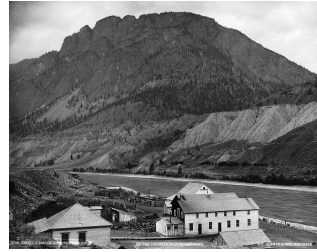
William Notman and Son, *Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill, Montreal, QC, 1885*

Gelatin silver glass plate negative
17.9 x 11.3 cm



William Notman and Son, *The Bounce, Montreal Snowshoe Club, QC, 1886*

Composite, silver salts on glass, gelatin dry plate process
25 x 20 cm



William McFarlane Notman, *Spence's bridge looking down Thompson River on the C.P.R., BC, 1887*

Gelatin silver glass plate negative
20.1 x 25.6 cm



Annie McDougall, William, Jimmie, Ivan and Bruce Millar at St. Francis River, Drummondville, QC, 1888

Silver salts on glass, gelatin dry plate process
10 x 12 cm



Sally Eliza Wood, *Ladies at Tea, Oranges, and Cookies, QC, c.1900*

Glass negative
12.7 x 17.8 cm



Edith S. Watson, *Rural scene, Île d'Orléans, QC, c.1925*

Silver salts and coloured ink on glass, gelatin dry plate process
8.2 x 10.1 cm

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Michel Saint-Jean,
*Boulevard de
Maison neuve, Montréal,*
1969

Gelatin silver print
30.5 x 40.5 cm



**Clara Gutsche, Janet
Symmers, 1972**

Gelatin silver bromide
print, selenium toned
35.5 x 30 cm
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**Gabor Szilasi, King's
Hall Building, 1231
Sainte-Catherine Street
West, Montreal, 1979,**
printed 2012

Gelatin silver print
27.5 x 35.2 cm



Donigan Cumming,
Untitled (August 12,
1983), 1983

From *Reality and Motive
in Documentary
Photography, Parts 1-3,*
1982-86
Gelatin silver print
25.7 x 37.8 cm



Angela Grauerholz,
Sofa, 1988

Azo dye print
122 x 162.5 cm

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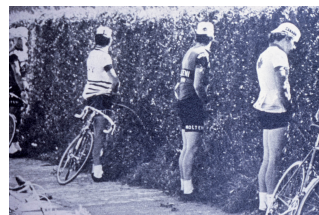
N.E. Thing Co., *Circular Walk Inside Arctic Circle Around Inuvik, N.W.T., 1969*

Gelatin silver print, ink, stamp, paper and foil seal, lithograph on paper
45.5 x 60.9 cm



Christos Dikeakos, *Instant Photo Information, BC Almanac, c.1970*

Black and white photo print



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Roy Arden, *Komagata Maru (detail 2), 1985*

Eighteen diptych panels with gelatin silver prints, exposed photo paper, white ink
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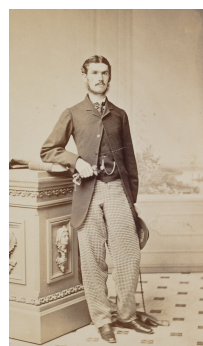
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Jules-Isaïe Benoît, *Livernois, Belvidère Lodge, from the illustrated book Maple Leaves: Canadian History and Quebec Scenery, 1865*

Albumen silver print
8.9 x 12.3 cm



Eli J. Palmer, R.A.A. Jones, de l'album de collection dit de Richard Alleyn, after 1865

Albumen silver print
9.3 x 5.5 cm



Livernois & Bienvenu (Élise L'Heureux/Livernois and Louis Fontaine/Bienvenu), *La Famille Livernois à la fosse (« Le Trou »), La Malbaie, after 1870*

Gelatin silver print
19 x 15 cm

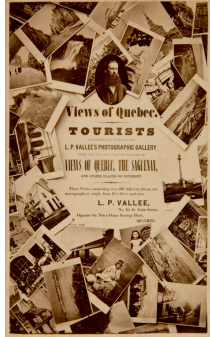


Livernois & Bienvenu (Élise L'Heureux/Livernois and Louis Fontaine/Bienvenu), *Patin et raquette sur le Saint-Laurent, Québec, c.1870*

Gelatin silver print
12 x 18.7 cm



Jules-Ernest Livernois, Monseigneur Charles-Félix Cazeau, c.1874–81
Cabinet card, gelatin silver print
Card: 10.5 x 6.3 cm; image: 9.4 x 5.7 cm



Louis-Prudent Vallée, advertisement for Vallée's Views of Quebec, 1878
Albumen silver print
10.1 x 6.2 cm



Louis-Prudent Vallée, La Porte Saint-Louis, Québec, c.1879–90
Stereograph, albumen silver print
8.8 x 17.7 cm



Louis-Prudent Vallée, Le Château Frontenac vu du parc Montmorency, Québec, c.1890
Albumen silver print
17.6 x 22.6 cm



Jules-Ernest Livernois, L'abbé Dominique-Alfred Morisset, 1894 or 1895
Gelatin silver print
8.9 x 5.9 cm



Lida Moser, At the intersection of Saint-Flavien and Couillard streets, Québec, 1950
Gelatin silver print
26.8 x 28.6 cm



Claire Beaugrand-Champagne, Ti-Noir Lajeunesse, the blind fiddler, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Disraeli, 1972
Gelatin silver print
10.2 x 17.2 cm



Michel Campeau, Fête religieuse portugaise, Montréal, Québec, from the series Week-end au Paradis Terrestre!, 1980
Silver gelatin print
40.4 x 50.5 cm



Donigan Cumming, Untitled (August 12, 1983), 1983
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Gelatin silver print
25.7 x 37.8 cm

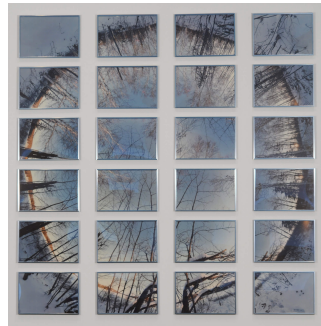
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Ian MacEachern, Hugh McIntyre, Art Pratten, John Clement, Murray Favro, Archie Leitch, Bill Exley, Greg Curnoe, John Boyle, Nihilist Spasm Band, York Hotel, London, ON, 1968/2000

Gelatin silver print
27.9 x 35.6 cm



Bill Vazan, Lac Clair Sky Globe (Winter), c.1975

Chromogenic prints
23.1 x 34.7 cm each
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Stan Denniston, Dealey Plaza/Recognition and Mnemonic, 1983

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Itee Pootoogook, still from "New Photos by Itee Pootoogook," in Animation from Cape Dorset, 1973

Still image from a thirteen-minute video

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Jacob van Ruisdael,
Waterfall, 1660s
Oil on canvas
106.7 x 98.4 cm



William Henry Fox Talbot, *The Haystack*, April 1844
Salted paper print
19 x 22.9 cm; image:
16.4 x 21 cm



William Notman, *The "Skating Queen,"* c.1855
Albumen silver print
13.9 x 10.1 cm



George William Ellisson, *Grey Nuns*, 1861
Albumen silver print
20.2 x 17.6 cm



Alexander Henderson, *Quebec from Point Levy*, after 1865
Albumen silver print
17.1 x 22.2 cm



Alexander Henderson, *Cape Trinity, Saguenay*, c.1865-75
Albumen silver print
11.5 x 19 cm



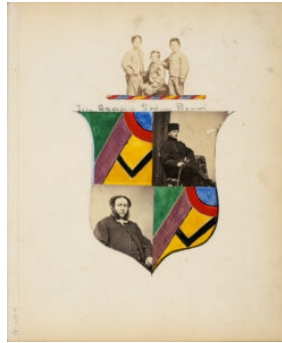
William Notman and Henry Sandham, *The Terra Nova Snowshoe Club, Montreal*, 1875
Collage of albumen silver prints with graphite, watercolour, and gouache
37 x 63.9 cm



Four-lens camera (used for cartes-de-visite), c.1880
Wood, brass, glass, and leather
30 x 19 x 39.8 cm



Portraits of Horace Sewell, John Duff, Ruth Sewell, William G. Sewell, Gertrude Bonner, Prince Albert and Twenty Unidentified Sitters, c.1885, photographer unknown
Albumen silver prints
Mount: 27.2 x 22.3 cm



Portraits of John, George and Sidney Bonner, and Two Unidentified Sitters, c.1885, photographer unknown
Albumen silver prints
Mount: 27.2 x 22.3 cm



George Barker, Niagara Falls in Winter, c.1890
Albumen silver print
42.6 x 52.1 cm



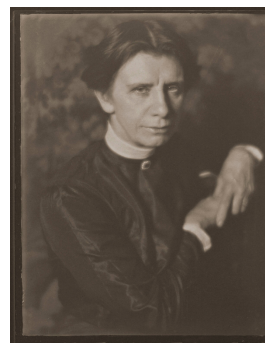
Ishbel Maria Gordon (Lady Aberdeen), Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, Coldstream – Hops Going to Market, c.1896-97
Relief half-tone
35 x 27 cm; image: 8.9 x 11.9 cm



Minna Keene, Fruit Study, c.1905
Carbon print
25.6 x 31.6 cm



Minna Keene, Harvesters, c.1905, printed c.1920
Carbon print
27.6 x 20.4 cm



Harold Mortimer-Lamb, Laura Muntz Lyall, A.R.C.A., c.1907
Platinum print
24.4 x 19.4 cm; image: 20.5 x 15.6 cm



Harold Mortimer-Lamb, The Pool, c.1907
Gelatin silver print
27.4 x 35 cm



Minna Keene,
Pomegranates, c.1910
Carbon print
49.6 x 33.9 cm



Harold Mortimer-Lamb,
Southam Sisters,
Montreal, c.1915-19
Gelatin silver print
32.9 x 41 cm



Margaret Watkins,
Domestic Symphony,
1919
Palladium print
21.2 x 16.4 cm



Margaret Watkins, *The Kitchen Sink*, c.1919
Palladium print
21.3 x 16.4 cm



Margaret Watkins,
Untitled (Still-life with Glass Bowl and Glasses), c.1928
Gelatin silver print
18.7 x 23.3 cm; image:
15.9 x 20.7 cm



John Vanderpant,
Builders, c.1930
Gelatin silver print
34.3 x 26.7 cm



John Vanderpant,
Untitled, c.1930
Gelatin silver print
35.3 x 27.8 cm



Eugene Haanel Cassidy,
Welcome, c.1938
Gelatin silver print
18.3 x 24.9 cm



Sam Tata, *Street Conversation, Shanghai*, 1938
Gelatin silver print
17.7 x 27.8 cm; image:
16.5 x 24.2 cm



Yousuf Karsh, *Winston Churchill*, December 30, 1941, printed before September 1988
Gelatin silver print
50.2 x 40.7 cm



Sam Tata, *Cultural Parade with Posters of Mao Tse-Tung and Chu Te*, July 4, 1949, printed 1970
Gelatin silver print
50.8 x 40.6 cm; image:
34.4 x 22.5 cm



George Hunter, *Wild Horse Race, Calgary Stampede*, 1958
Dye transfer print
50.8 x 61 cm; image:
38.4 x 48.9 cm



Sam Tata, *Lucie Guannel, Singer, Montreal, Quebec, 1961, printed 1968*

Gelatin silver print
25.2 x 35.6 cm; image:
16 x 23.8 cm



Fred Herzog, *Boys on Shed, 1962, printed 2008*

Inkjet print
71.1 x 96.6 cm; image:
50.9 x 72.7 cm



Sam Tata, *Angels, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Montreal, Quebec, 1962*

Gelatin silver print
29.2 x 36.8 cm; image:
22.6 x 34.1 cm



Roloff Beny, *Birds in Flight, Straits of Juan de Fuca, 1965*

Gelatin silver print
27.3 x 34.3 cm



Roloff Beny, *Columbia Ice Field, Alberta, 1965*

Gelatin silver print
30 x 39.9 cm



Michel Lambeth, *The Parish of St. Nil, County of Matane, Gaspé, Quebec, May 1965, printed 1978*

Gelatin silver print
35.4 x 27.9 cm; image:
25.4 x 17.2 cm



Ted Grant, *Civil Rights March, Ottawa, 1965, printed 1995*

Gelatin silver print
50.8 x 40.4 cm; image:
49.7 x 32.3 cm



Michael Semak, *Untitled, January 1966*

Gelatin silver print
35.5 x 27.8 cm; image:
34.2 x 23 cm
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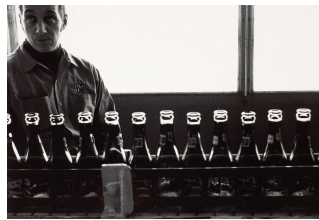
Michael Semak,
Children in Raincoats
Blowing Bubbles, Paris,
France, 1967

Gelatin silver print
25 x 35.3 cm; image:
21.9 x 32.6 cm
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Michael Snow,
Authorization, 1969

Instant silver prints
(Polaroid) and adhesive
tape on mirror in metal
frame
54.6 x 44.4 x 1.4 cm
with integral frame



Pierre Gaudard, 7-Up,
Montreal, Quebec,
1970

Gelatin silver print
27.8 x 35.4 cm; image:
21.5 x 30.4 cm



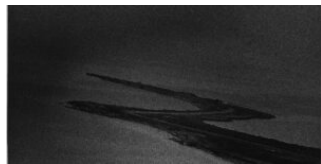
Roy Kiyooka,
StoneDGloves, 1970

Gelatin silver print,
mounted on cardboard
67.9 x 100.4 cm



Lynne Cohen, Living
Room, Racine
Wisconsin, 1971-72

Gelatin silver print
11.8 x 16.6 cm



Kan Azuma, Untitled
(from Erosion series),
1973

Gelatin silver print
25.3 x 25.2 cm; image:
12.5 x 18.2 cm



Sylvain P. Cousineau,
The Boat, 1973, printed
1976

Gelatin silver print
20.3 x 25.3 cm; image:
15.8 x 23.4 cm



Walter Curtin, Fujiko
Imajishi Rehearsing for
a Canadian
Broadcasting
Commission Recording
at St. James, Toronto,
1973, printed 1974

Gelatin silver print
40.5 x 50.7 cm; image:
24 x 35.1 cm



Gabor Szilasi, Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Lessard, Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce, 1973

Gelatin silver print
35.3 x 27.8 cm; image:
33.4 x 26 cm



Lynne Cohen, "Hair Haven" Beauty Salon, Watertown, New York, 1974

Gelatin silver print
35.3 x 43 cm; image:
19.1 x 24.4 cm



Tom Gibson, Man and Bus, 1974

Gelatin silver print
40.5 x 50.8 cm; image:
19.4 x 29.1 cm



Thaddeus Holownia, Untitled, 1974-77, printed 1996

Gelatin silver print
20.4 x 50.4 cm; image:
19.4 x 49.7 cm



Thaddeus Holownia, Untitled, 1974-77, printed 1996

Gelatin silver print
20.4 x 50.4 cm; image:
19.4 x 49.7 cm



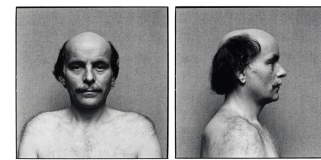
Orest Semchishen, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Church, Derwent, Alberta, 1974, printed 1990

Gelatin silver print
27.8 x 35.4 cm; image:
22.4 x 29 cm



Charles Gagnon, SX 70, 1976

Instant dye print
(Polaroid)
10.8 x 8.8 cm; image:
7.9 x 7.8 cm



Arnaud Maggs, 64 Portrait Studies, 1976-78 (detail), 1976-78

Gelatin silver prints
40.4 x 40.4 cm each;
image: 37.9 x 38.2 cm
each



Arnaud Maggs, 64
Portrait Studies, 1976–78 (detail), 1976–78

Gelatin silver prints
40.4 x 40.4 cm each;
image: 37.9 x 38.2 cm
each



Lynne Cohen,
Government Employment Office, Ottawa, Ontario, 1977

Gelatin silver print
38 x 38 cm; image: 19.5 x 24.4 cm



Sandra Semchuk, Self-portrait Taken in Baba's Bedroom on the Day I Said Goodbye to Her, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, April 12, 1977, April 12, 1977

Gelatin silver print
27.9 x 35.4 cm; image: 22.3 x 26.7 cm



Gabor Szilasi,
Bathroom, Lotbinière, 1977, printed 1979

Dye-coupler print
(Ektacolor)
25.6 x 19.6 cm



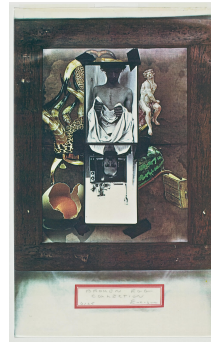
Robert Frank, Sick of Goodby's, 1978, printed 1979

Gelatin silver print
35.3 x 27.9 cm; image: 34.4 x 23.1 cm



Jeff Wall, The Destroyed Room, 1978

Transparency in lightbox
159 x 229 cm



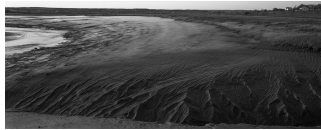
Evergon, Broken Egg Collection, 1979

Electrostatic print with electrostatic print overlay
35.6 x 21.7 cm



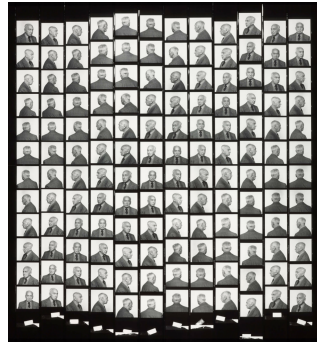
Gabor Szilasi, Andrea Szilasi in her bedroom, Westmount, Quebec, 1979, 1979

Gelatin silver print and chromogenic print
(Ektacolor)
35.3 x 27.8 cm each;
image 1: 23.4 x 29.6 cm; image 2: 23.8 x 30 cm



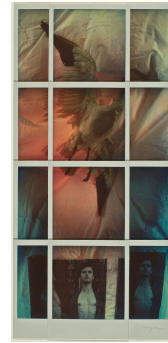
**Thaddeus Holownia,
Lower Dorchester,
October 1980**

Gelatin silver print
20.3 x 47 cm; image:
16.5 x 40.5 cm



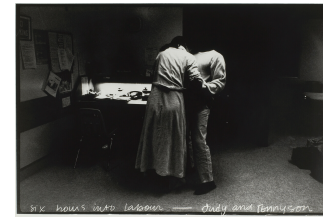
**Arnaud Maggs, *André Kertész, 144 Views,*
December 8, 1980**

Four gelatin silver prints
86.9 x 79.9 cm



Evergon, *Duck over Pierre,* 1982

Twelve instant dye prints (Polaroid SX-70)
55.8 x 40.6 cm; image:
36.5 x 17.8 cm



**Marian Penner Bancroft,
*2:50 a.m. Mission Memorial Hospital ...
six hours into labour ...
Judy and Tennyson ...
dance a slow one*
(detail), 1982**

Gelatin silver prints
66 x 293.1 cm overall;
66 x 97.7 cm each



**Edward Burtynsky,
Kennecott Copper Mine, Bingham Valley, Utah, 1983**

Chromogenic print (Ektacolor)
50.7 x 60.8 cm; image:
45.6 x 55.8 cm



**Donigan Cumming,
Untitled (August 12, 1983), 1983**

From *Reality and Motive in Documentary Photography, Parts 1-3,* 1982-86
Gelatin silver print
25.7 x 37.8 cm



Sorel Cohen, *An Extended and Continuous Metaphor No. 6,* 1983

Three dye-coupler prints
Centre panel: 179.5 x 205 cm; side panels:
119 x 119 cm each
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**Thaddeus Holownia,
Lower Dorchester,
August 1983**

Gelatin silver print
20.2 x 46.9 cm; image:
16.5 x 40.5 cm



Edward Burtynsky, *Inco, Abandoned Mine Shaft, Crean Hill Mine, Sudbury, Ontario, 1984, printed 1992*

Dye-coupler print
(Ektacolor)

76.1 x 101.4 cm; image:
68.1 x 86.5 cm



Angela Grauerholz, *Jean Blodgett, 1984, printed 1990*

Gelatin silver print
144.3 x 102 cm; image:
approx. 91 x 90.5 cm



Angela Grauerholz, *Monica Haim, 1984, printed 1990*

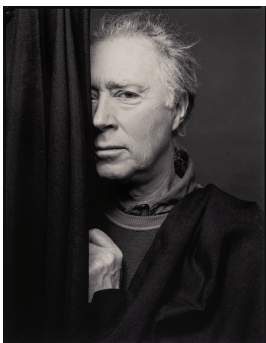
Gelatin silver print
144.3 x 102 cm; image:
approx. 91 x 90.5 cm



Carl Beam, *The North American Iceberg, 1985*

Acrylic, photo-serigraph, and graphite
on Plexiglas
213.6 x 374.1 cm

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Michael Torosian, *Michael Snow, 1988, printed 1989*

Gelatin silver print,
toned
35.3 x 27.6 cm; image:
32.3 x 24.8 cm



Evergon, *Homage to the Old Man in Red Turban – The Burning of the Heretics, 1985*

Instant dye print
(Polaroid)
20 x 25.2 cm; image:
19.1 x 24 cm



Evergon, *Le Pantin, 1985*

Instant dye print
(Polaroid)
244.1 x 113.1 cm;
image: 241.3 x
110.5 cm



Sandra Semchuk, *Baba's Garden, Hafford, Saskatchewan 1985–1986, 1985–86*

Azo dye prints
(Cibachrome)
27.7 x 35.3 cm each;
image: 26.7 x 34.5 cm
each



Ken Lum, *Amrita and Mrs. Sondhi*, 1986

Dye-coupler print and acrylic paint on opaque Plexiglas
102 x 225.9 x 6.3 cm
irregular



Susan McEachern, *Part Four: The Outside World (detail)*, 1986-87

Six chromogenic prints
40.6 x 50.8 cm each



Serge Tousignant, *Still-Life with Art Works*, 1986

Chromogenic prints (Ektacolor)
1: 135.4 x 103.7 cm; image: 122.3 x 97.5 cm;
2: 135.6 x 103.8 cm; image: 122.3 x 97.4 cm;
3: 135.5 x 103.8 cm; image: 122 x 97.1 cm;
4: 135.5 x 103.7 cm; image: 122.5 x 97.2 cm



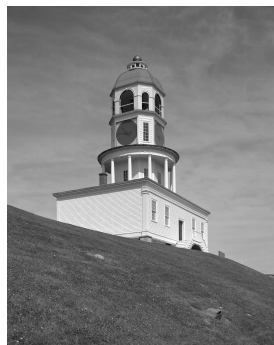
Ken Lum, *Boon Hui*, 1987

Dye-coupler print and plastic Letraset on opaque Plexiglas
100.3 x 243.8 x 5.4 cm



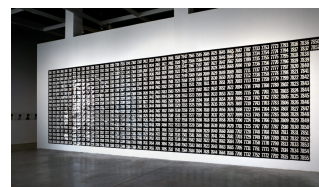
Geneviève Cadieux, *Memory Gap, an Unexpected Beauty*, 1988

Dye-coupler print and mirror on wood
Assembled: 208 x 472 x 14 cm; photograph: 208 x 335 x 14 cm; mirror: 208 x 137 x 14 cm



Alvin Comiter, *Old Town Clock, Citadel Hill, Halifax*, 1988

Gelatin silver print
27.9 x 35.3 cm; image: 24.2 x 30.6 cm



Arnaud Maggs, *The Complete Prestige 12" Jazz Catalogue*, 1988

828 azo dye prints (Cibachrome)
20.3 x 25.4 cm each; installation: 400.1 x 1053.5 cm



Sandra Semchuk, *Self-portrait, Galiano Island, British Columbia*, 1988, printed 1989

Azo dye prints (Cibachrome)
27.9 x 35.6 cm each



Jeff Thomas, *Bear at Higgins Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1989*

Gelatin silver print

47.2 x 29.7 cm; image: 33 x

22.9 cm

Robert McLaughlin Gallery

72 Queen Street
Oshawa, Ontario, Canada
905-576-3000
rmg.on.ca



Blake Fitzpatrick, *Biomechanics Lab—Biomechanical Models, 1984*

Kodak paper, type "C" colour
print

40.6 x 50.7 cm

Royal Ontario Museum

100 Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
416-586-8000
rom.on.ca



P.Mansaram, *Boxers at the Entrance of a Toronto Subway*, 1976

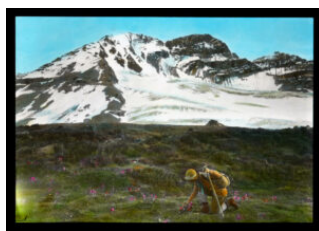
Paper cut-out on a gelatin silver print
28 x 35.5 cm

Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

111 Bear Street
Banff, Alberta, Canada
403-762-2291
whyte.org



Mary Schäffer, *Lonicera Bractulata*, Fly honeysuckle, c.1896–1905
Hand-tinted lantern slide



Mary Schäffer, *Hiker picking flowers beneath Vice President and President*, c.1900–20
Hand-tinted lantern slide



Mary Schäffer, *Mary Schaffer with horse*, c.1907–11
Hand-tinted lantern slide



Mary Schäffer, *Looking for goat while baking bread (Camp at lower end of Maligne Lake)*, 1908
Hand-tinted lantern slide



Mary Schäffer, *Chamaenerion angustifolium* (Fireweed), c.1910
Hand-tinted lantern slide

Winnipeg Art Gallery

300 Memorial Boulevard
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
204-786-6641
wag.ca



Murray McKenzie, *Elder Mary Monias (100) from Cross Lake First Nation*, c.1967-96

Silver print on paper
35.5 x 28 cm



John Paskievich, *Untitled*, from the series North End, Winnipeg, 1976

Silver print on paper,
silver halide
30.2 x 20.1 cm



Geoffrey James, *Saint-Cloud*, 1984

Silver print on paper
Image: 8.5 x 26.5 cm;
on mount: 13.5 x
31.1 cm



Evergon, *Re-enactment of Goya's Flight of the Witches*, ca 1797-98, 1986

Polaroid on paper
(a) panel: 244 x
108.5 cm; (b) panel: 244
x 108.5 cm; (c) panel:
244 x 108.5 cm; (d)
panel: 201.9 x 103.3 cm

Vancouver Art Gallery

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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
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Marian Penner Bancroft,
***Mnemonic (The Screen)*, 1988**

Silver gelatin print on panel
203 x 307.5 x 4.8 cm



Sources & Resources

This section lists select archives and collections, audiovisual resources, and select exhibitions on photography in Canada between 1839 and 1989, organized by genre. It also lists select publications and Canadian photography magazines.

Selected Archives & Collections

Archives Association of British Columbia
Archives of Manitoba
Archives of Ontario
Archives PEI
Art Gallery of Ontario, The Photography Collection
Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ)
Brock University Library, Archives and Special Collections
Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
City of Toronto Archives
Digital Museums Canada
Ingenium Digital Archives
Library and Archives Canada
McCord Stewart Museum
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Digital Archives Initiative
National Film Board of Canada
National Gallery of Canada, Photography Collection
Nova Scotia Museum, Mi'kmaq Portraits Collection
NWT (Northwest Territories) Archives
Ontario Jewish Archives
Provincial Archives of Alberta
Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan
Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island
Royal BC Museum and Archives, The Ties That Bind Canada
The ArQuives: Canada's LGBTQ2+ Archives
The Family Camera Network Public Archive
The Image Centre
The Nunavut Archives Program
Toronto Metropolitan University Archives and Special Collections
Toronto Public Library
University of British Columbia Library, Japanese Canadian Photograph Collection
University of Manitoba Libraries, *Winnipeg Tribune* Photo Collection
Vancouver Island University, Canadian Letters and Images Project
Yukon Archives

Select Audiovisual Resources

Angèle Alain. "Canada's Photographic Memory." *Discover Library and Archives Canada: Your History, Your Documentary Heritage* podcast, August 13, 2013.
Produced by Library and Archives Canada. MP3 audio, 36:36 minutes.
library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/engage-learn/podcast/Pages/photographic-memory.aspx.

Gray, Hayley. *Hayashi Studio*. Storyhive. 25:14 minutes. Youtube.
youtube.com/watch?v=dSTkdp9M18s.

Kazimi, Ali. *Shooting Indians: A Journey with Jeffrey Thomas*. 56 minutes.

Video/16mm. Toronto: VTape, 1997. socialdoc.net/ali-kazimi/shooting-indians-a-journey-with-jeffery-thomas-1997/.

The Unknown Photographer: A Virtual-Reality Immersion into the Fragmented Memories of a World War I Photographer. Virtual-reality application. Turbulent and the National Film Board of Canada. unknownphotographer.nfb.ca/.

Select Exhibitions



LEFT: *Princess Christian's visit to the 2nd Exhibition of Canadian Pictures, Grafton Galleries, London, 1917*, photographer unknown, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. RIGHT: Vikky Alexander, *Lake in the Woods*, 1986, photographic mural, mirror, composition board, 2.4 x 7.6 m, Vancouver Art Gallery. © Vikky Alexander.

Exhibitions, 1839–1989

1880–90s Camera clubs are first established in Canada.

In camera clubs across the country, members share technical expertise and an enthusiasm for the aesthetic potential of photography. By the early twentieth century, camera clubs began hosting their own *salons*.

1903 First Toronto Camera Club (TCC) *Salon* is organized by Sidney Carter and members of the TCC. It includes works by members, along with thirty prints on loan from the collection of the Photo-Secession in New York.

1907 Canada's first international exhibition of Pictorialist photographs is held at the Art Association of Montreal (now the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts). Organizer Sidney Carter aims to show photography as a fine art and to connect Canada with the international Pictorialist movement.

1919 The TCC holds the first of many annual *salons* at the Canadian National Exhibition.

1927 The TCC hosts its annual *salon* at the same time as the *International Exhibition of Modern Art* organized by the Société Anonyme and exhibited at the Art Gallery of Toronto (now the Art Gallery of Ontario).

1932	John Vanderpant exhibition is mounted at the Vancouver Art Gallery.
1934	"Jay" (Thomas George Jaycocks) exhibits eighty photographs at the Art Gallery of Toronto (now the Art Gallery of Ontario).
1934–39	Six annual iterations of the <i>Canadian International Salon of Photographic Art</i> are held at the National Gallery of Canada (NGC). Canadian photographers are exhibited alongside internationally celebrated figures. The exhibitions ended in 1939 because of the impending war as well as changes at the NGC and the prevailing transition away from Pictorialism.
1938	<i>Plant Patterns in Hawaii and Japan: Photography by E. Haanel Cassidy</i> at the Art Gallery of Toronto (now the Art Gallery of Ontario); one of the first solo exhibitions of a photographer at the institution.
1939	The National Film Board of Canada (NFB) is established.
1940	The NGC organizes two touring exhibitions from Britain, <i>War for Freedom</i> (London Passenger Transportation Board) and <i>Somewhere in France</i> (Britain's Ministry of Information) at the Château Laurier Hotel in Ottawa.
1944–45	<i>This Is Our Strength</i> , a two-part show of photographs from the NFB, is exhibited at the NGC. Assembled by the Wartime Information Board, these exhibitions focus on the home front and the postwar economy.
1944–49	Design shows use photographs to educate viewers about new consumer products. Presented at the NGC, the following exhibitions were mainly organized by New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1944 <i>The Wooden House in America</i> 1945–46 <i>Design for Use: A Survey of Design in Canada of Manufactured Goods for the Home and Office, for Sports and Outdoors</i> (Organized by the NGC, NFB, and Department of Reconstruction; leads to the establishment of the National Industrial Design Committee, 1948–60) 1946 <i>Elements of Design</i> 1947 <i>If You Want to Build a House</i> 1948 <i>Buildings for Schools and Colleges, I & II</i> and <i>Three Post-War Houses</i> 1949 <i>The Story of Modern Chair Design and Useful Objects of Fine Design</i>
1957	<i>Family of Man</i> exhibition tours to the NGC in February. Organized by MoMA, this popular exhibition presents a universalizing look at humanity within the Cold War context. The show includes work by Canadian photographers Rosemary Gilliat and Richard Harrington.
1958	<i>Henri Cartier-Bresson: The Decisive Moment; Photographs, 1930–1957</i> arrives at the NGC. The exhibition was circulated by the American Federation of the Arts.

1967	The NFB Still Photography Division produces the exhibition <i>The Many Worlds of Lutz Dille</i> . The accompanying catalogue is the first in the <i>Image</i> book series.
1970	General Idea participates in its first group exhibition, <i>Concept 70</i> , at A Space in Toronto.
1971	<i>Photography into Sculpture</i> is mounted at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Curated by Peter C. Bunnell, the exhibition features work by Iain Baxter (now IAIN BAXTER&), Michael de Courcy, Jack Dale, and other artists whose work integrates photography with various mediums.
1972	Group d'action photographique (Claire Beaugrand-Champagne, Michel Campeau, Roger Charbonneau, and Cedric Pearson) produces an exhibition and book about Disraeli, Quebec, earning praise and generating controversy about photographic ethics.
1975	To mark International Women's Year, the NFB Still Photography Division presents <i>Photography '75</i> , which features works by eighty-three female photographers.
1975	Lorraine Monk curates a Barbara Astman solo show in Ottawa for the NFB Still Photography Division.
1975–85	American Joan E. Biren tours the U.S. and Canada to present the slideshow <i>Lesbian Images in Photography: 1950-Present</i> , in community spaces such as bookstores, community centres, and church basements. The collection grows to 420 images—including erotica and documentary photos of the early gay liberation movement, as well as contemporary photographs by Biren and other artists.
1976	Astman's work—along with the work of five other artists—is included in <i>Colour Xerography</i> at the Art Gallery of Ontario, curated by Karyn Allen.
1977	<i>Photo 77: The Photograph as Canada's Silent Language / La photographie—voix silencieuse due Canada</i> organized by the NFB/SPD in Ottawa and curated by Lorraine Monk, includes the work of 110 photographers and showcases the NFB collection.
1979	<i>Canadian Perspectives—A National Conference on Canadian Photography</i> is hosted by Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Toronto Metropolitan University).
1980	<i>A Photographic Project: Alberta 1980</i> , organized by Douglas Clark and Linda Wedman, mixes archival research and work by amateurs and professionals.
1982–83	<i>Esthétiques actuelles de la photographie au Québec</i> is first presented as part of the international photo festival Rencontres d'Arles in France, and later exhibited at the Musée d'art contemporain in Montreal.

1983 *Rediscovery: Canadian Women Photographers, 1841–1941* is curated by Laura Jones at London Regional Art Gallery.

1985 The Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography and the National Archives of Canada mount a retrospective of Walter Curtin's photographic career.

1988 *Stan Douglas: Television Spots* is exhibited at the Contemporary Art Gallery in Vancouver.

Exhibitions, 1990 to today

i. Art

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2000 April 15 – June 4, *Roy Arden: Fragments (Photographs, 1981–85)*, The Polygon Gallery, Vancouver. Travelled to Oakville Galleries; Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery.

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2019–20 July 6, 2019 – January 26, 2020, *Vikky Alexander: Extreme Beauty*, Vancouver Art Gallery.

ii. Portraiture

2001 September 8 – October 28, *Facing History: Portraits from Vancouver*, The Polygon Gallery, Vancouver.

2005 *Shashin: Japanese Canadian Photography to 1942*, Japanese Canadian National Museum, Burnaby.

2015–16 September 5, 2015 – April 3, 2016, *Mirrors with Memory: Daguerreotypes from Library and Archives Canada*, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

2016–17 November 4, 2016 – March 26, 2017, *Notman: A Visionary Photographer*, McCord Museum (McCord Stewart Museum), Montreal. Travelled to Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa.

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2017 June 27 – July 21, *Family Focus: Early Portrait Photography at the Archives of Ontario*, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto.

iii. Personal photography

2003 *Everyday Light: Family Photographs Selected by Contemporary First Nations Artists*, Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

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2018 January 24 – April 8, *"Soon we were en route again": The Margaret Corry Albums (1947–1963)*, Ryerson Image Centre (The Image Centre), Toronto.

2018 February 16 – May 6, *Michel Campeau: Life before Digital*, McCord Museum (McCord Stewart Museum), Montreal.

2018 April 21 – May 26, *Queering Family Photography*, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto.

2018–19 November 19, 2018 – January 9, 2019, *Telling Our Stories: A Photo-History of Japanese Canadians, 1930's–1960's*, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto.

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iv. Landscape

2011–12 August 20, 2011 – April 29, 2012, *Songs of the Future: Canadian Industrial Photographs, 1858 to Today*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

v. Documentary and photojournalism

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| 1999 | May–October, <i>Déclics. art et société: Le Québec des années 1960 et 1970</i> , Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, and Musée de la civilisation, Quebec City. |
| 1999 | May 21 – September 19, <i>Exchanging Views: Quebec, 1939–1970</i> , Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, Ottawa. |
| 2010 | June 17 – October 10, <i>Femmes artistes: L'éclatement des frontières, 1965–2000</i> , Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City. |
| 2013 | July 16 – November 10, <i>La photographie d'auteur au Québec: Une collection prend forme au Musée</i> , Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, Montreal. |
| 2013–14 | December 5, 2013 – April 21, 2014, <i>Claire Beaugrand-Champagne: Émouvante vérité; Photographies de 1970 à 2013</i> , McCord Museum (McCord Stewart Museum), Montreal. |
| 2016 | September 8 – November 5, <i>Canadian Photography Magazines, 1970–1990: Reconsidering a History of Photography in Print</i> , Artex, Montreal. |
| 2019 | <i>Turning the Lens: Indigenous Archive Project</i> , Nickle Galleries, Calgary. |
| 2020 | July 1 – November 8, <i>Go Play Outside!</i> McCord Museum (McCord Stewart Museum), Montreal. |

vi. Ethnography

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| 1999–2002 | October 22, 1999 – January 6, 2002, <i>Emergence from the Shadow: First Peoples' Photographic Perspectives</i> , Canadian Museum of Civilization (Canadian Museum of History), Ottawa. |
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vii. Commercial photography

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Le Samedi (Quebec, 1888–1963)

Vanguard (Vancouver, 1972–89)



LEFT: Hayashi Studio, Kiyoshi Shirimoto and his dog, date unknown, digital print and scan from glass plate negative, Cumberland Museum and Archives. RIGHT: Hayashi Studio, Japanese woman holding deer head, before 1929, digital print taken from glass plate negative, Cumberland Museum and Archives.

Photographer Compendium

April, Raymonde (b.1953, Moncton, New Brunswick)

April was raised in eastern Quebec and studied art at Laval University. She earned recognition in the late 1970s and 1980s for her self-portraits influenced by Proust and feminist performance art. In her work she incorporates found images of her family or landscapes, and she creates narrative through a series of photographs. After her 1988 residency in Paris, April's work shifted more toward landscape and she became interested in integrating photography with text. April taught photography at Concordia University.



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Arden, Roy (b.1957, Vancouver)

Associated with the Vancouver photo-conceptualist movement, Arden's work explores social and political issues relating to the urban environment and the history of Vancouver. His poetic sensibility is seen in the series *Fragments*, 1981–85, which consists of tightly framed images of everyday subjects, including figures from the city's artistic community. In the mid- to late 1980s, Arden made a series of archival works in which he appropriated news photographs to comment on events in Canadian history. *Rupture*, 1985, considers the class struggle at the heart of Vancouver's 1938 labour protests, while *Abjection*, 1985, is a melancholic reflection on the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. In *Komagata Maru*, 1985, Arden recalls Canada's anti-Asian immigration policies and omissions in the historical record.

Image: Roy Arden, *Komagata Maru* (detail 2), 1985, eighteen diptych panels with gelatin silver prints, exposed photo paper, white ink, 40.7 x 25.4 cm each, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.



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Astman, Barbara (b.1950, Rochester, New York)

Astman is a Toronto-based photographer and multimedia artist known for her experimental work with photographic technologies and her feminist approach. Her Ektacolor murals of enlarged Polaroid images, such as *Untitled* (Visual Narrative Series), 1978–79, feature billboard-scale storyboards with typewritten text. Works in her Red Series, 1981, evoke personal worlds through striking self-portraits with everyday objects. Astman is a professor at OCAD University in Toronto.

Image: Barbara Astman, *Untitled* (Visual Narrative Series), 1978–79, SX-70 Ektacolor mural, 121.9 x 152.4 cm, Art Gallery of Hamilton.



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Azuma, Kan (b.1946, Tokyo)

Azuma studied photography in Japan before moving to Canada in 1970. He lived and worked in Vancouver and Toronto. His most significant body of work in Canada is *Erosion*, 1973, a series of fifty landscape photographs taken at Point Pelee National Park in southwestern Ontario. After its debut in an exhibition at York University, where Azuma worked, the National Film Board of Canada purchased *Erosion* and toured Azuma's work in exhibitions in Canada and abroad. Little is known of Azuma's career after he returned to Japan in 1980.



Image: Kan Azuma, *Untitled* (from *Erosion* series), 1973, gelatin silver print, 25.3 x 25.2 cm; image: 12.5 x 18.2 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Baltzly, Benjamin (1835, Sugarcreek, Tuscarawas County, Ohio–1883, Cambridge, Massachusetts)

Baltzly was an American-born photographer who moved to Montreal shortly after the American Civil War. From 1868 to 1877 he worked for William Notman. During this time, he was assigned to the Geological Survey of Western Canada (1871) and, despite the rigours of the journey, produced a significant collection of photographs. Baltzly returned to the U.S. in 1879.

Image: Benjamin Baltzly, *Spuzzum River rapids, BC*, 1871, wet collodion negative, 25.4 x 20.3 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

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Barbeau, Charles Marius (1883, Ste-Marie-de-Beauce (later Sainte-Marie), Quebec–1969, Ottawa)

Barbeau was a leading anthropologist and ethnologist who worked for the Geological Survey of Canada from 1911 to 1949. He studied and collected artifacts related to Indigenous cultures and French Canadian folklore, producing a collection of thirteen thousand photographs—now in the Canadian Museum of History—and hundreds of publications. Barbeau's work, though foundational and prolific, also perpetuated colonial discourses of his time. His ethno-documentary, *Nass River Indians* (1927), and his photographs, published many years after his death in Marius Barbeau's *Photographic Collection: The Nass River* (1988), rely on the colonial concept of Indigenous people as a "vanishing race."



Image: Charles Marius Barbeau, *Ferdinand Roy's sisters baking bread in the oven, Pointe-à-la-Frégate, Québec*, 1938, black and white negative, 8.3 x 14 cm, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau.

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Beal, William (Billy) Sylvester Alpheus (1874, Chelsea, Massachusetts–1968, The Pas, Manitoba)

Beal grew up in Minneapolis as the son of a bookseller. He trained as an engineer and immigrated to western Manitoba in 1906 for his work. Beal was deeply involved with education and community initiatives and likely taught himself photography. Between about 1915 and 1925, he took portraits and captured views of activities in his community. Although only around fifty of his glass plate negatives survive, they provide a rare record of Prairie life by a Black photographer. His camera and some of his work is in the collection of the Swan Valley Historical Museum in Manitoba.

Image: William S. Beal, *Self-portrait (Big Woody district, Swan River, Manitoba)*, c.1918, black and white glass plate negative, Collection of Robert Barrow.



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Beam, Carl (1943, M'Chigeeng, Ontario–2005, Ottawa)

Beam was a First Nations (Ojibwe) painter and mixed-media artist. He used photography, collage, archival images, and photo-transfer techniques to explore Anishinaabe experiences, histories, and traditions, as well as to critique colonialism and unravel Western assumptions. In 1986, the National Gallery of Canada purchased his work *The North American Iceberg*, 1985. It was the first contemporary artwork by an Indigenous artist to be collected by the institution.



Image: Carl Beam, *The North American Iceberg*, 1985, acrylic, photo-serigraph, and graphite on Plexiglas, 213.6 x 374.1 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. © Estate of Carl Beam / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

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Benner, Ron (b.1949, London, Ontario)

Based in London, Ontario, Benner began working with black and white photographic murals in the mid-1970s and is especially known for his garden installations. His mixed-media photographic installations explore the history and politics of food. His work also addresses themes relating to colonial legacies, globalization, and industrial food production.

Image: Ron Benner, *Américan Cloisonné* (detail), 1987–88, mixed-media photographic / garden installation, variable dimensions, Civic Plant Conservatory, Saskatoon.



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Boyd, John A. (1865, Emyvale, Ireland–1941, Toronto) and John H. Boyd (1898, Toronto–1971, Toronto)

Boyd Sr. immigrated from Ireland as a child and became a prolific and skilled amateur photographer, his passion facilitated by a career in the railway business. He penned articles for photography journals across North America and befriended and corresponded with George Eastman, founder of the Eastman Kodak Company. His photographs, including landscapes, urban scenes, and photos of military training, transportation, and leisure, are held at the Ontario Archives and at Library and Archives Canada.



John A. Boyd's son, John H. Boyd, was the first staff photographer for the Toronto-based newspaper the *Globe* (now called the *Globe and Mail*), from 1922 to 1964. A leader in the field of Canadian photojournalism, Boyd Jr. helped found the Commercial and Press Photographers Association of Canada. The City of Toronto Archives hold Boyd Jr.'s negatives from his time at the *Globe and Mail*, which capture significant moments in Toronto's history. Both Boyds were interested in the development of photographic technology. Boyd Sr. built his first camera, and Boyd Jr. is thought to be the first Canadian news photographer to use a flash and to transmit a photograph electronically.

Image: John Boyd Sr., *Playing Hockey on the St. Clair River in Sarnia*, c.1890, black and white photo print, Archives of Ontario, Toronto.

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Brooks, Reva (1913, Toronto–2004, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)

Brooks was born Reva Silverman and was the daughter of Jewish Polish immigrants. She married landscape painter Leonard Brooks (1911–2011) in 1935. In the late 1940s, the Brooks immigrated to Mexico, where they assisted in establishing an international art colony in the town of San Miguel de Allende and hosted a circle of friends that included Marshall McLuhan and Mexican painter David Alfaro Siqueiros. There Reva Brooks developed an interest in photography and worked with a Rolleiflex to produce tightly cropped portraits, primarily of Indigenous subjects in Mexico. Photographer and editor Minor White featured one of Brooks's photographs on the cover of the influential *Aperture* magazine in 1952. In 1955, MoMA curator Edward Steichen included one of Brooks's first photographs, an image of a child who had recently died, in Steichen's *Family of Man* exhibition, the first blockbuster photography exhibition. Although Brooks stopped photographing in the mid-1960s, she was named by the San Francisco Museum of Art as one of the top fifty women photographers in 1975, and the Art Gallery of Ontario mounted a solo exhibition in 2002, shortly before her death at age ninety.



Image: Reva Brooks, *Anciana Dona Chenchá (Old Dona Chenchá)*, printed in 1999, gelatin silver print, image: 29.9 x 22.9 cm, edition of 25, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto.

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Burley, Robert (b.1957, Picton, Ontario)

Burley is a Toronto-based photographer whose work explores how nature and urban environments intersect. In the mid- to late 1980s, he produced notable series dedicated to specific locales. The Don Valley series, 1981–84, investigates an area of Toronto where parkland, transportation networks, and industry converge. In his ORD O'Hare Airfield series, 1984–88, he photographed the infrastructure of the Chicago airport and its surrounding prairie environment. Burley was one of three photographers to participate in *Viewing Olmsted*, 1989–96, a commission for the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal, which explored the North American parks designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted (1822–1903). Burley is a professor at Toronto Metropolitan University.



Image: Robert Burley, *Queen Anne's Lace, O'Hare Airfield*, 1985, chromogenic print, 51 x 61 cm.

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Cadieux, Geneviève (b.1955, Montreal)

Montreal-based Cadieux is known for her large-scale photographic works exploring the body. Close-up views of wounds, such as scars and bruises, refer to experiences of suffering and trauma and their manifestations on the body. Cadieux is a professor at Concordia University and in 2011 was a recipient of a Governor General's Award for Visual and Media Arts.

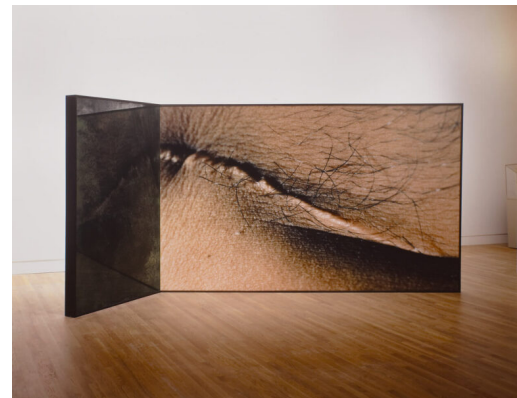


Image: Geneviève Cadieux, *Memory Gap, an Unexpected Beauty*, 1988, dye-coupler print and mirror on wood, assembled: 208 x 472 x 14 cm; photograph: 208 x 335 x 14 cm; mirror: 208 x 137 x 14 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Campeau, Michel (b.1948, Montreal)

Campeau is a Montreal photographer and one of the founders of *Groupe d'action photographique* (GAP). The collective was formed in 1971 by Campeau, Serge Laurin (1942–2017), and Roger Charbonneau (b.1947) to document Quebec society through intimate representations of community. Campeau's work explores questions related to the history and practice of photography, particularly in relation to autobiography and family, often using the book form. With GAP, Campeau participated in the documentary project that captured rural community life in Quebec, *Disraeli: une expérience humaine en photographie* (1972). Campeau has published numerous photographic books, including *Les tremblements du coeur* (1988) and *Éclipses et labyrinthes, 1988–1993* (1993).



Image: Michel Campeau, *Fête religieuse portugaise, Montréal, Québec*, from the series *Week-end au Paradis*

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Carr, Rosetta Ernestine (1845, Drummond Township, Ontario–1907, Ottawa)

Born in Ontario and trained in photography in the U.S. and at Notman's studio in Ottawa, Carr moved to Winnipeg in 1883 with her husband. She purchased and ran the American Art Gallery, a large commercial studio, for sixteen years, winning acclaim for her portraits of children and commissions from the government. In 1893, she won exclusive rights to photograph the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, which caused displeased competitors to boycott the event. In 1889, Carr sold her gallery and lived her final years in Ottawa, but many of her photographs can be found in the Archives of Manitoba in Winnipeg.



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Cassidy, Eugene Haanel (1903, Tokyo, Japan–1980, Nevada City, California)

Cassidy was born in Japan to Canadian parents but grew up in Canada and owned a studio in Toronto in the 1930s. In his early artistic work, he aspired to capture transcendental images of the natural world. His series *Plant Form*, 1938, represents foliage as abstract compositions through close-up images that highlight form, pattern, and texture. His exhibition *Plant Patterns in Hawaii and Japan at the Art Gallery of Toronto* (now the Art Gallery of Ontario), 1938, was one of the AGO's earliest solo exhibitions of photographic works. In 1944 he moved to New York to work as a magazine photographer for Condé Nast.



Image: Eugene Haanel Cassidy, *Plant Form Leaves with Circular Protrusion*, 1938, chloro bromide print, 39.9 x 50.9 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

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Clark, June (Clark-Greenberg) (b.1941, New York)

Clark grew up in Harlem in New York City and immigrated to Toronto in 1968 with her husband, who was escaping the draft during the Vietnam War. She learned photography as part of the Women's Photography Co-op based out of the Baldwin Street Gallery in the early 1970s. Clark's earliest work consisted of portraits and city scenes, including a series of photographs taken in Cuba. Around the time she entered the MFA program at York University in 1988, she began to experiment with photographic form and content. In *Formative Triptych*, 1989, Clark made photo etchings of historical photographs and then reworked those images into transparencies displayed on lightboxes. The presentation may gesture to advertising, but the accompanying text contrasts sharply with the positive messaging of marketing. Two enlarged snapshots of Clark as a child and a portrait of blues singer Bessie Smith are set beside words in which Clark meditates on the experience of racism and the complications of memory.

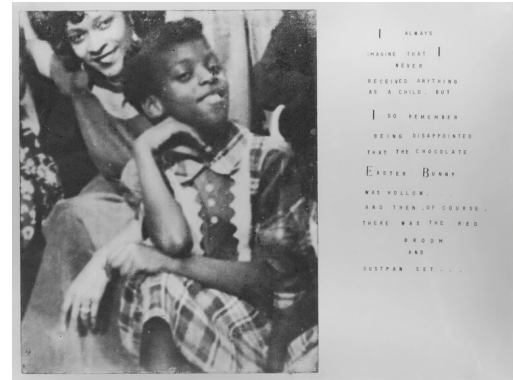


Image: June Clark, *Formative Triptych* (detail), 1989, three duratrans transparencies in lightboxes (each): 111.5 x 152.2 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto. Photo of Bessie Smith © Carl Van Vechten Trust.

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Cohen, Sorel (b.1936, Montreal)

Cohen is a Montreal-based photographer whose artistic practice draws on the history of art, performance, and feminist theory. Part of a broader postmodern movement in photography in the 1970s, Cohen appropriated historical artistic techniques in her series of motion studies, including *The Rite Matinal*, 1977, and *After Bacon/Muybridge*, 1980. In *An Extended and Continuous Metaphor*, 1983–86, Cohen challenges the traditionally male and female roles of artist and subject by performing both for the camera.



Image: Sorel Cohen, *An Extended and Continuous Metaphor No. 6*, 1983, three dye-coupler prints, centre panel: 179.5 x 205 cm; side panels: 119 x 119 cm each, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. © Sorel Cohen / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

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Comiter, Alvin (b.1948, New York)

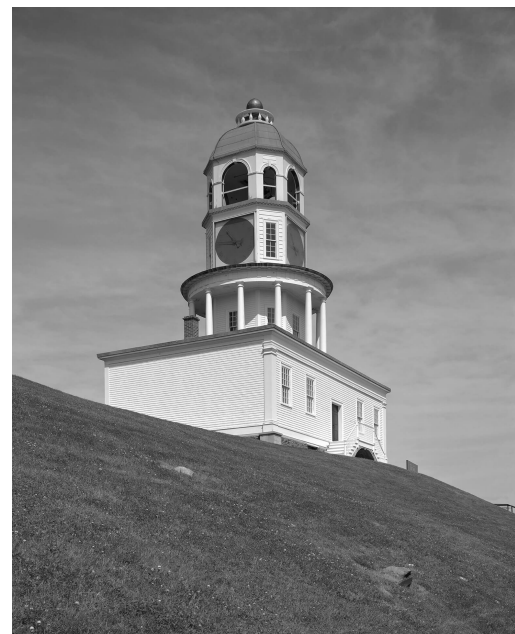
Comiter emigrated from the U.S. and taught at NSCAD University in Halifax. His detailed photographs of buildings in Nova Scotia were originally framed as part of conceptual photography's interest in typology. The series was the subject of a solo exhibition at MSVU Art Gallery in Halifax in 1989. Over time, the work has been discussed more in terms of architectural record and preservation, including in *Landmarks: Historic Buildings of Nova Scotia* (1994).

Image: Alvin Comiter, *Old Town Clock, Citadel Hill, Halifax*, 1988, gelatin silver print, 35.3 x 27.9 cm; image: 30.6 x 24.2 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Cousineau, Sylvain P. (1949, Arvida, Quebec–2013, London)

Cousineau lived and worked in Montreal, Ottawa, France, and England. He was a conceptual artist who produced paintings, photography, and installation art. His photographic work of the 1970s and 1980s includes a series of black and white portraits, landscapes, and street photography. In 1977 he published *Mona Nima*, a poetic and intimate collection of photographs inspired by John Max's earlier photo book, *Open Passport* (1973). *Mona Nima* is composed of thirty-four black and white images, including *The Boat*, 1972. He taught at the University of Moncton and the University of Ottawa.



Image: Sylvain P. Cousineau, *The Boat*, 1973, printed 1976, gelatin silver print, 20.3 x 25.3 cm; image: 15.8 x 23.4 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Cox, Horace Gordon (H.G.) (1885, Kidderminster, England–1972, Vancouver)

An engineer by training, Cox spent almost three decades working for the British Columbia Department of Public Works. Shortly after taking up photography in 1924, he became an active member of West Coast camera clubs and of the international Pictorialist salons, and his work was included in several solo exhibitions at the Vancouver Art Gallery. His photographs share the Pictorialists' preference for soft focus and classical nudes, but they are also rigorously designed around Cox's ideas of "dynamic symmetry." Most of his photographs remained with his family after his death and his contributions were largely forgotten until a 2003 exhibition at Presentation House Gallery in Vancouver.

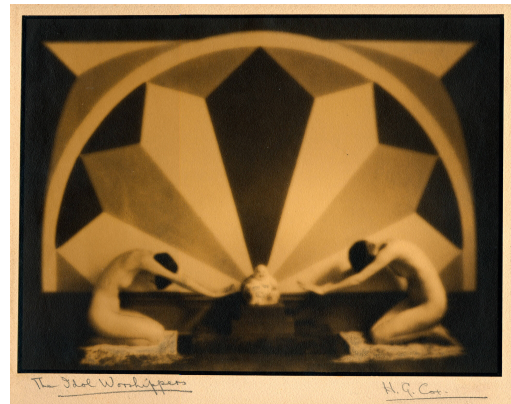


Image: H.G. Cox, *The Idol Worshippers* (Nellie Near and Cora Pasmore), 1928, sepia-toned gelatin silver print.

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Cumming, Donigan (b.1947, Danville, Virginia)

Donigan Cumming is a Canadian photographer and multimedia artist who lives and works in Montreal. His early work explored the social and ethical implications of the observational image by reinterpreting the clichés of modernist photography. In his series *Reality and Motive in Documentary Photography, Parts 1-3*, 1982–86, people pose in domestic and institutional interiors, as well as suburban and cottage properties. Cumming's absurdist theatrical approach tended to emphasize the idiosyncrasies of his subjects, which provoked critical debate.



Image: Donigan Cumming, *Untitled (August 12, 1983)*, 1983, from *Reality and Motive in Documentary Photography, Parts 1-3*, 1982–86, gelatin silver print, 25.7 x 37.8 cm.

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Curtin, Walter (1911, Vienna–2007, Toronto)

Curtin immigrated to Canada in 1952 and worked as a photojournalist and commercial photographer in Toronto. He produced photo stories for the Still Photography Division of the National Film Board of Canada (NFB), eventually shifting from an 8 x 10 to a more agile 35mm camera to capture the vitality of performance. In the 1970s he began a project documenting the classical music scene in Toronto, titled *The Musicians*. Photos from this project were featured in the 1982 NFB exhibition of the same name.



Image: Walter Curtin, *Fujiko Imajishi Rehearsing for a Canadian Broadcasting Commission Recording at St. James, Toronto*, 1973, printed 1974, gelatin silver print, 40.5 x 50.7 cm; image: 24 x 35.1 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Dally, Frederick (1838, Southwark, London, England–1914, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England)

Dally moved to British Columbia in 1862 during the gold rush. After working as a retailer, he embarked on a new career as a photographer. From 1866 to 1870, he ran a studio in Victoria and produced portraits, but he also travelled around B.C. to create picturesque landscapes, photographs of colonial settlements, and images of First Nations communities that would appeal to nineteenth-century consumers. Many of his images and commercial albums are now held in the B.C. Archives in Victoria and the Royal Collection Trust in London. In 1870, Dally sold off his equipment and negatives, moving to the U.S. to study dentistry; he later returned to England. Hannah and Richard Maynard were among those who purchased Dally's photographs of Indigenous subjects, which they continued to print and sell to tourists at their studio.



Image: Frederick Dally, *43 miles above Yale; an evening encampment at Boothroyds, Fraser River wagon road*, c.1867, glass plate negative, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria.

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de Courcy, Michael (b.1944, Montreal)

De Courcy became involved with the Vancouver artist collective Intermedia in 1968. His photographic work is conceptual, socially engaged, and often collaborative, such as *Background/Vancouver*, 1972, a photographic map of the city by a group of artists. For the landmark MoMA exhibition, *Photography into Sculpture*, 1970, de Courcy sent four hundred silkscreened boxes that were to be randomly stacked in the gallery by custodians. De Courcy co-curated and published *B.C. Almanac(h) C-B*, a collection of artists books by fifteen West Coast artists including Judith Eglington, Roy Kiyooka, N.E. Thing Co., and Christos Dikeakos.

Image: Michael de Courcy, *Silkscreened Box Untitled*, 1970–2011, 100 photo-silkscreened corrugated cardboard boxes, 30.5 x 30.5 x 30.5 cm each.

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de Visser, John (1930, Veghel, Netherlands–2022, Cobourg, Ontario)

De Visser immigrated to Canada in 1952, where he has had a prolific career focused on Canadian landscapes, architecture, and material culture. *Maclean's* magazine was the first to publish his work, a collection of modernist colour photos of Toronto, in 1957. De Visser went on to work as a freelance photographer in Toronto while also publishing several books of his own. He participated in the National Film Board's publication *Canada: A Year of the Land* (1967). All told, his photographs have illustrated more than sixty books, including the bestselling *This Rock within the Sea* (1976) by Farley Mowat.



Image: John de Visser, spread of a photo-essay on Toronto entitled, "A New Look at a Controversial City," in *Maclean's*, October 26, 1957, 16–17.

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Denniston, Stan (b.1953, Victoria)

Denniston is a Toronto-based art restorer and conceptual artist who uses photography to explore historical and cultural narratives, truth and fiction, and the limits of representation. Denniston's early works delve into the practice of memory-work (*Reminders*, 1978–82) and the relationship between collective trauma, personal recollection, and the media (*Dealey Plaza/Recognition and Mnemonic*, 1983). *How to Read*, 1984–86, examined memory through travel photography.

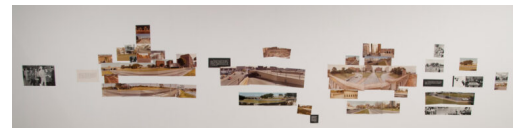


Image: Stan Denniston, *Dealey Plaza/Recognition and Mnemonic*, 1983, colour and black and white photographs, variable dimensions, Museum London. Installation photograph at YYZ Artists' Outlet by Peter MacCallum. © Stan Denniston / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

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Dickson, Jennifer (b.1936, Piet Retief, South Africa)

Dickson immigrated to Canada in 1969 after studying at Goldsmiths' College School of Art in London and working in a print studio in Paris. In 1969 she was elected to the Royal Academy of Arts in London. Her work combines techniques of photography, etching, photocopying, and watercolour, as well as imagery drawn from historical landscapes and classical art. The National Film Board of Canada supported two early projects: *The Secret Garden*, 1976, and *The Earthly Paradise*, 1980, which was shown in Paris.



Image: Jennifer Dickson, *THE EARTHLY PARADISE: Homage to Claude Lorraine*, 1980, mezzotint and watercolour on paper, 56.5 x 76.5 cm, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston. © Jennifer Dickson / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

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Dikeakos, Christos (b.1946, Thessaloniki, Greece)

Dikeakos immigrated to Canada in 1956 and was involved in Vancouver's conceptual art scene in the 1960s and 1970s. Like others in this circle, he trained his camera on the city to explore ideas of place, history, urban development, and the environment. His photo book, *Instant Photo Information*, 1969, was shown as part of the exhibition, *B.C. Almanac(h) C-B*, produced by the National Film Board of Canada. He experimented with techniques and formats, including collage and panorama (*False Creek Panorama*, 1983–85).

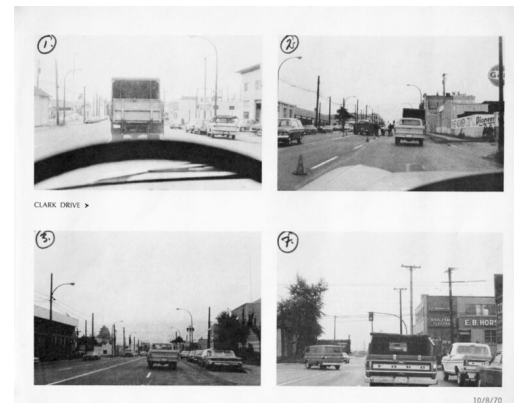


Image: Christos Dikeakos, *Instant Photo Information, BC Almanac*, c.1970, black and white photo print, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery Archives, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

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Dille, Lutz (1922, Leipzig, Germany–2008, France)

Dille was a street photographer, photojournalist, documentary photographer, and filmmaker. During the Second World War, Dille worked as a reconnaissance photographer for Germany. Based in Canada from 1951 to 1980, he lived in Hamilton, Toronto, and Montreal, and travelled frequently, producing lively street photographs and working on commissions for the CBC and other media outlets. In 1967, the National Film Board of Canada featured his work in the exhibition *The Many Worlds of Lutz Dille*.

Image: Lutz Dille, *Jewish Market, Toronto*, 1954, gelatin silver print, 18.4 x 24.1 cm.



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Donovan, Duncan (1857, Alexandria, Ontario–1933)

Donovan spent his career as a small-town photographer in eastern Ontario at a time when photographers were a mainstay of most communities. He started as an itinerant tintype photographer travelling by wagon to photograph in a tent at country fairs before partnering and then owning and operating his own studio for more than a quarter century. What sets Donovan apart from his contemporaries is the quality of his work. The Archives of Ontario salvaged a selection of his badly damaged plates in the 1970s and, even in contrast to modern prints, they are dramatically lit, richly textured, and economically composed.



Image: Duncan Donovan, *Untitled*, July 1907, Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum, Williamstown.

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Dossetter, Edward (1843, London, England–1919, Ramsgate, Kent, England)

Dossetter was a British photographer who was active in British Columbia between 1881 and 1890. In 1881 he joined Dr. I.W. Powell, the Superintendent for Indian Affairs, on an inspection tour of First Nations villages on the West Coast, producing landscapes and portraits of Indigenous peoples and government officials. Images from this tour are held at the British Columbia Provincial Archives in Victoria.

Image: Edward Dossetter, *Kitkatla*, 1881, graphic material, BC Archives, Royal BC Museum, Victoria.



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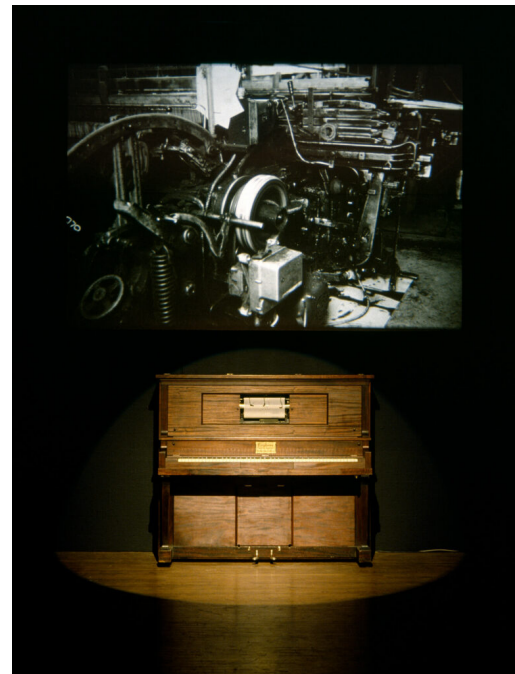
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Douglas, Stan (b.1960, Vancouver)

Douglas is an internationally recognized Vancouver-based artist working primarily in photography, video, and installation. His work explores moments of social transformation through the creation of speculative histories. Douglas's career began in the 1980s when he created multimedia installations using projected images (*Slideworks*, 1983; *Deux Devises*, 1983; *Onomatopoeia*, 1985–86) and video art interventions for television (*Television Spots*, 1987–88). He is the recipient of numerous honours, including the 2013 Scotiabank Photography Award, and was chosen to represent Canada at La Biennale di Venezia 59 (2022).

Image: Stan Douglas, *Onomatopoeia*, 1985–86, 5mm slides transferred to 4k video, 88-note player piano, player piano roll, optical trigger device, screen, 6:07 min each rotation, black and white, sound, one music roll, overall dimensions variable.



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Eglington, Judith (b.1945, Montreal)

Eglington is a photographer and filmmaker who studied art in Montreal and film in Vancouver. Her photographs are often Surrealist-inspired, as in the series *Earth Visions*, 1973, in which figures' heads morph in relation to their environments. She contributed to *B.C. Almanac(h) C-B*, a project commissioned by the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) and coordinated by Michael de Courcy, and which aspired to capture West Coast life in the 1970s. She is also known for her work with SX-70 Polaroid images in the early 1970s and *Athletes of the XXI Olympiad*, 1976, which was part of the NFB's *Photo 77* exhibition (1977).

Image: Judith Eglington, *Untitled*, n.d., Polaroid SX-70 film, 7.8 x 7.9 cm.

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Ellisson, George William (1827–c.1879)

Ellisson (also spelled Ellison) was active first in Saint John, New Brunswick, and then in Quebec City between the late 1840s and 1860s. He started as a daguerreotypist and then turned to the wet collodion process to make ambrotypes, cartes-de-visite, and other formats. He made portraits of members of the Grey Nuns of Montreal and prominent figures, including Indigenous leader Paul Tahourencheé and Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and photographed views of Quebec City, which were sold as stereographs.

Image: George William Ellisson, *Grey Nuns*, 1861, albumen silver print, 20.2 x 17.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Esson, James (1853, Preston [Cambridge], Ontario–1933, Toronto)

Esson learned photography from his father, George, who operated a daguerreotype studio in Preston, Ontario (now Cambridge). In 1883 James opened a successful photography studio, the Atelier, which served notable clients likely drawn to his artistic approach and use of natural light. Esson travelled across North America creating hundreds of stereoscopic views and is credited as one of the first Canadian photographers to produce what were called “Stereoscopic Gems.”



Image: James Esson, *Glimpses of Toronto*, “Normal School,” late nineteenth century, albumen silver print, Toronto Public Library.

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Erb, Isaac (1846, King’s County, New Brunswick–1924, Saint John, New Brunswick)

Erb grew up in rural New Brunswick and opened a studio in Saint John in 1877, which he ran until his death. His services were always relatively inexpensive, and so the thousands of photographs he produced in almost fifty years offer a unique record of late nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century life in the Maritimes, from records of businesses and celebrations to street portraits of working-class people. Three thousand of Erb’s plates are held in the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

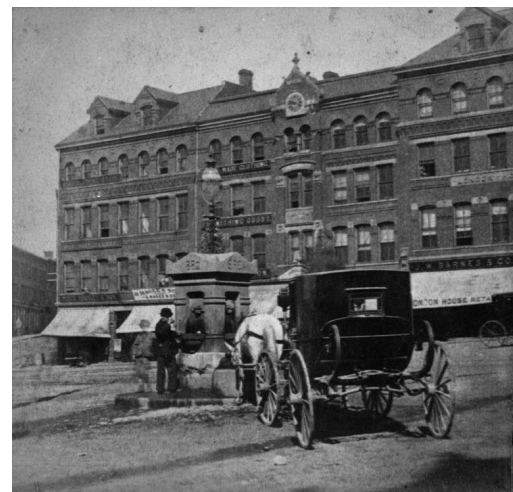


Image: Isaac Erb, *Market Square*, 1885, gelatin silver print, 16 x 7.8 cm; on mount 17.5 x 8.6 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

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Fitzpatrick, Blake (b.1955, Oshawa, Ontario)

Fitzpatrick is a photographer, curator, and researcher. His work from the mid-1980s, such as *Research Photographs*, 1984, and *Work with Artifacts*, 1985, examines the production of knowledge by exploring archival, scientific, and cultural institutions. He is a member of the Atomic Photographers Guild, a collective established in 1987 by Robert Del Tredici to call attention to the impact and legacy of the nuclear era and atomic power. Fitzpatrick is a professor at Toronto Metropolitan University.



Image: Blake Fitzpatrick, *Biomechanics Lab—Biomechanical Models*, 1984, Kodak paper, type “C” colour print, 40.6 x 50.7 cm, Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario.

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Fleming, Archibald Lang (1883, Greenock, Scotland–1953, Toronto)

Fleming was a missionary, photographer, and filmmaker who came to Canada in 1906. He led mission work in the Arctic and trained to become a priest in Toronto, eventually being appointed the Anglican Bishop of the Arctic in 1927. Fleming produced many photographs of Indigenous peoples, Arctic communities, and landscapes for his reports and lantern slide shows, and for publications such as *Dwellers in the Arctic Night* (1928) and *Archibald the Arctic* (1929).



Image: Archibald Lang Fleming, *Community of Akalvik, NWT*, 1930, gelatin silver print, 8.5 x 11.5 cm, General Synod Archives, Anglican Church of Canada, Toronto.

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Foote, Lewis Benjamin (1873, Burin, Newfoundland–1957, Winnipeg)

Born in Newfoundland, Foote worked in a wide variety of jobs on the East Coast before moving to Winnipeg in 1902. There he ran a successful photography studio with another commercial photographer, George James. For more than four decades, Foote photographed many aspects of urban life, from royal visits to the construction of the legislative building. Among his best-known photographs are those of the Winnipeg General Strike (1919), showing crowds of protesters and police violence. Between 1916 and 1945, Foote photographed crime scenes as the official photographer for the Winnipeg Coroner's office. His work is held in the Archives of Manitoba.



Image: L.B. Foote, 1919 Strike June 10th Portage Avenue, at corner of Main Street Crowd outside drug store, during street demonstration Tuesday afternoon, June 10, 1919, gelatin silver print, Winnipeg Free Press Archives.

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Frank, Robert (1924, Zurich, Switzerland–2019, Mabou, Nova Scotia)

Famed Swiss-born photographer Robert Frank moved to Mabou, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, in 1969 and split his time between there and New York for the rest of his life. Frank is best known for *The Americans*, his 1958 book of documentary photographs. After its publication, Frank moved away from straight photography into film and video, though he continued to make manipulated photographs and collage work. Frank's presence in Canada had an impact on photographers and artists, particularly as he occasionally taught filmmaking and lectured at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (now NSCAD University). *Sick of Goodby's*, 1978, printed 1979, was made in Mabou after the death of his daughter.

Image: Robert Frank, *Sick of Goodby's*, 1978, printed 1979, gelatin silver print, 35.3 x 27.9 cm; image: 34.4 x 23.1 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



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Gagnon, Charles (1934, Montreal–2003, Montreal)

Gagnon was a multidisciplinary artist who worked in media such as painting, collage, film, and sound in addition to photography. Many of his photographs represent natural elements—gardens, trees, plants—as disconnected from viewers or their surrounding environments, such as his Polaroid SX-70 images of a view from a window overlooking a garden. In 1979 he was one of the seven photographers selected for *The Banff Purchase* exhibition, which championed contemporary Canadian photography and sought to establish the Banff Centre as an important site for the study of the art in Canada.

Image: Charles Gagnon, *SX 70*, 1976, instant dye print (Polaroid), 10.8 x 8.8 cm; image: 7.9 x 7.8 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Gaudard, Pierre (1927, Marvelise, France–2010, France)

Gaudard immigrated to Montreal in 1952, where he established himself as a freelance photojournalist and documentary photographer. In addition to working for popular magazines such as *Time*, he produced work for the National Film Board of Canada (NFB). In 1963 a showing of Gaudard's photographs of Mexico and Guatemala was one of the first presented by the NFB in its Ottawa gallery. His socially engaged projects such as *Les ouvriers*, 1969–71, and *Les prisons*, 1975–77, explore the experiences of factory workers and prisoners respectively. After four decades of living and working in Canada, Gaudard returned to France in the 1990s.



Image: Pierre Gaudard, *7-Up, Montreal, Quebec*, 1970, gelatin silver print, 27.8 x 35.4 cm; image: 21.5 x 30.4 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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General Idea (active 1969–1994, Toronto)

General Idea was established in Toronto in 1969 by three conceptual artists who went by the pseudonyms A.A. Bronson (Michael Tims, b.1946), Felix Partz (Ronald Gabe, 1945–1994), and Jorge Zontal (Slobodan Saia-Levy, 1944–1994). The trio lived and worked together for twenty-five years, producing multimedia works, installations, art publications (*FILE*, 1972–89), and events (Miss General Idea Beauty Pageant) that explored themes such as fame, glamour, sexuality, and the AIDS crisis. The photographs they produced were usually part of their larger projects. In 1974 General Idea founded Art Metropole, an artist-run centre that champions art publications in any media, including print and video works.

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Gibson, Tom (1930, Edinburgh, Scotland–2021, Montreal)

After a stint in the navy, Gibson immigrated to Canada, where he trained and practised as a painter in Toronto before turning to street photography in the late 1960s. Gibson was well connected both in Canada and the U.S. and showed his work in a major exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography in 1993 and at the Art Gallery of Ontario in 2004. His early photographs of Pikangikum, a First Nations community in northern Ontario, and of Mexico are fairly straight documentary images whereas later works taken mostly in Toronto and Montreal are full of unusual angles and contrasts. The street photographs suggest an awareness of new directions in the work of American photographers such as Garry Winogrand and Nathan Lyons. Gibson taught in the studio art program at Concordia University from 1976.



Image: Tom Gibson, *Man and Bus*, 1974, gelatin silver print, 40.5 x 50.8 cm; image: 19.4 x 29.1 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Grant, Ted (1929, Toronto–2020, Victoria)

Grant began working as a photojournalist in 1951. During his long and prolific career as a freelancer, he photographed many key moments in twentieth-century history and was one of the first Canadian news photographers to use 35mm film. His best-known photographic series were often focused on medicine and sports, including a ten-year project on Dr. William Osler and coverage of numerous Olympic Games. As his career progressed, his photography was increasingly shown and collected in an art context, and his hundreds of thousands of images are held in the National Gallery of Canada and Library and Archives Canada.

Image: Ted Grant, *Civil Rights March*, Ottawa, 1965, printed 1995, gelatin silver print, 50.8 x 40.4 cm; image: 49.7 x 32.3 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Gupta, Sunil (b.1953, New Delhi)

Gupta is an internationally renowned documentary photographer whose work explores issues of queer life, race, and migration. His family immigrated to Montreal when he was in high school. While he attended Dawson College and completed a degree in accounting at Concordia University, Gupta was an avid amateur photographer. He left for New York in 1976, studied photography with Lisette Model, and never returned to live in Canada. However, he has mined his snapshots of tumultuous Montreal in the 1970s for several important projects, including *Social Security*, 1988, which explored his family's immigration experience, and *Friends & Lovers: Coming Out in Montreal in the 1970s*, 1970–75.



Image: Sunil Gupta, image from the series *Social Security*, 1988. © Sunil Gupta / DACS London / CARCC Ottawa 2023.

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Gutsche, Clara (b.1949, St. Louis, Missouri)

Gutsche immigrated to Canada from the U.S. in 1970. Her work often explores the relationship between people and their environments, and her series *Milton Park*, 1970–73, documents the destruction of a neighbourhood in Montreal that was cleared to make way for new development. In 1973 Gutsche helped found la Centrale Galerie Powerhouse, a feminist artist-run centre in Montreal. She teaches at Concordia University.

Image: Clara Gutsche, *Janet Symmers*, 1972, gelatin silver bromide print, selenium toned, 35.5 x 30 cm, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. © Clara Gutsche / CARCC Ottawa 2023.



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Hamilton, Glendenning, Thomas (T.G.) (1873, Toronto–1935, Winnipeg, Manitoba) and Lillian May Hamilton (1880, Belleville–1956, Winnipeg)

T.G. Hamilton was a medical doctor who, along with his wife Lillian, is known for using photography in psychical research. The pair became interested in paranormal phenomena after the death of one of their children in 1919. They held séances in their home, and T.G. photographed aspects of their spiritualist investigations, including telekinesis, teleplasm, trance states, and various other psychic phenomena. Lillian compiled and annotated albums describing the events in the photographs. This example features a photograph of a séance during which bell cords were rung, indicating the presence of a spirit. Following T.G.'s death in 1935, Lillian continued to hold séances, and in the 1940s she and her daughter Margaret and son James wrote about the family's investigations. The Hamilton Family Fonds are held at the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections.

Image: Thomas Glendenning Hamilton and Lillian Hamilton, *First Bell Cords* (annotated photo album #2), June 4, 1928, University of Manitoba Archives, Winnipeg.



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Hammond, Melvin Ormand (1876, Clarkson, Ontario–1934, Toronto)

M.O. Hammond became a reporter for the *Globe* (now the *Globe and Mail*) in 1895, at the age of twenty, and began taking photographs to illustrate his stories. He later became the paper's literary editor and editor of the Saturday magazine section. Hammond was an active member of the Toronto Camera Club (1906), where he later served as president, and explored the artistic potential of photography by experimenting with Pictorialism. He is best known for his photographs of noted figures in the arts and literary scene in Toronto, as well as his images of the changing cityscape.



Image: Melvin Ormand Hammond, *Lawn Maintenance at Toronto Island*, c.1910–30, silver gelatin print on textured semi-matte paper, 29.4 x 22.4 cm, Archives of Ontario, Toronto.

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Hannon, Gerald (1944, Bathurst, New Brunswick–2022, Toronto)

Hannon was a journalist and photographer who became a spokesperson for Toronto's LGBT community in the 1970s and 1980s. His photographs document the people and protests of gay liberation and humanize a community that was stigmatized and targeted by law enforcement. His work was published in the Toronto LGBT magazine *The Body Politic* (1971–87).



Image: Gerald Hannon, *Kiss-in at the corner of Yonge and Bloor, Toronto, 1976*, gelatin silver print, The ArQuives, Toronto.

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Harris, Pamela (b.1940, Erie, Pennsylvania)

Harris was born in the U.S. and came to Canada in 1967. She is a self-taught documentary photographer with a focus on community, and her major projects include Newfoundland fishing villages, an Arctic hamlet, Taloyoak (formerly Spence Bay), farm workers, nannies, grassroots feminists across Canada, and her extended family. With others, she produced *The Women's Kit* at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and the first exhibit in Canada of photographs of women by women. In 1972–73, while photographing in Taloyoak, Nunavut, she established a community darkroom and taught darkroom skills to Inuit craftswomen who used it to document their work.



Image: Pamela Harris, *Niloulaq and Willie in the darkroom*, 1973, gelatin silver print, 20.3 x 25.4 cm, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

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Hassan, Jamelie (b.1948, London, Ontario)

Hassan is a contemporary artist, curator, and activist based in London, Ontario. She works in a range of media and has incorporated photography as an important aspect of her installation-based practice since the mid-1980s. Hassan's work explores themes of colonialism and conflict through the intersections of personal and political history. She received a Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts in 2001.



Image: Jamelie Hassan, *Meeting Nasser*, 1985, five black and white photographs mounted on Masonite, three VCR videotapes, and two laminated sheets, dimensions variable, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

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Heath, Dave (1931 Philadelphia–2016, Toronto)

Heath lived and worked in Philadelphia, Chicago, and New York before moving to Toronto in 1970 for a teaching position at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Toronto Metropolitan University). Heath's work is concerned with psychological experience and the human condition. His acclaimed book *A Dialogue with Solitude* (1965) is a poetic meditation in the tradition of photographers of everyday life, such as Robert Frank. Heath was awarded Guggenheim Fellowships in 1963 and 1964, and explored new aesthetic possibilities in street photography. In his late career, Heath worked in colour, first with slides and Polaroid, and then with digital photography.



Image: Dave Heath, *Chicago*, December 1965, printed 1966, gelatin silver print, image: 11.6 x 17.9 cm, sheet: 12.5 x 20.3 cm, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City.

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Hime, Humphrey Lloyd (1833, Moy, Ireland–1903, Toronto)

Hime was the photographer for the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition (1858) led by Henry Youle Hind. Using the collodion wet plate process, Hime photographed the topography and settlements of the region, including settler and Indigenous dwellings and portraits of inhabitants. Hind used Hime's photographs to illustrate the expedition reports and press coverage. He also published a portfolio of prints to supplement his narrative account of the expedition. From 1857 to 1861, Hime was a junior partner in the Toronto-based engineering and photography firm Armstrong, Beere & Hime.



Image: Humphrey Lloyd Hime, *Fort and stores of the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company, Fort Garry at the confluence of Red River and the Assiniboine*, 1858, albumen print, image: 13 x 17.5 cm; on mount: 27.2 x 36.7 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

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Holloway, Elizabeth (Elsie) (1882, St. John's, Newfoundland–1971, St. John's, Newfoundland)

Holloway first learned photography from her father, Robert, head of Methodist College, and then in 1901 studied photography in London. After his death, Elsie and her brother published a book of his work, *Through Newfoundland with the Camera* (1905), to great success, enabling them to open the Holloway Studio of St. John's in 1908. The studio offered portrait services and prints from Robert's negatives as well as an increasing stock of their own views made during travels around the region. After her brother's death during the First World War, Elsie ran the studio on her own, employing up to a dozen staff at a time, before selling it in 1946. In addition to her natural and lively portraits of children, she also photographed landscapes and major local events, including the departure of Amelia Earhart from Harbour Grace, leaving a crucial visual record of Newfoundland history.



Image: Elizabeth (Elsie) Holloway Studio, *Start of the Slide Race*, c.1910, black and white photo print, 20.5 x 15 cm, The Rooms Provincial Archives, St. John's.

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Horetzky, Charles George (1838, Edinburgh–1900, Toronto)

Horetzky was born in Scotland of Ukrainian descent. He is thought to have learned photography while working for the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort William, on the Ottawa River, and Moose Factory, on James Bay, between 1858 and 1869. He was hired by Canadian Pacific to survey possible routes for the railway and is best known for photographs showing the topography and settlements of western Canada made between 1871 and 1874. He was the first survey photographer to use the dry plate process, which enabled him to work in sub-zero temperatures. Horetzky's photographs were published in George Grant's *Ocean to Ocean* (1877) and with his own writing in *Canada on the Pacific* (1874) and *Some Startling Facts Relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the North-West Lands* (1880).



Image: Charles Horetzky, *Canadian Pacific Railway Survey*. Northwest corner of Lake Tochquonyata showing the only rough portion subject to snow slides, British Columbia, 1874, salted paper print mounted on album page, 15.2 x 20.9 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

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Hunt, George (1854, Fort Rupert, British Columbia–1933, Fort Rupert, British Columbia)

The son of an English fur trader and a Tlingit woman, Hunt (also named Xawe, 'Maxwalagalis, K'ixitasu, and Nołq'olala) is one of the earliest known Indigenous photographers. He is recognized for working with anthropologist Franz Boas, serving as guide, interpreter, and collector, and photographing Kwakiutl potlatch ceremonies in the 1890s. Boas published many of Hunt's images without credit to Hunt, but archivists and historians have traced not only Hunt's photographs, but also his captions and notes. His images document both the material and built culture of Indigenous communities and the human activity within them.



Image: Oregon Columbus Hastings, *Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl) woman spinning yarn and rocking cradle using cord tied to her foot; Boas (left) and George Hunt (right) holding up backdrop, Vancouver Island, 1894-95*, glass negative, 12.7 x 17.78 cm, American Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian, New York.

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Hunter, George (1921, Regina, Saskatchewan–2013, Mississauga, Ontario)

Hunter was a documentary photographer known for his industrial landscapes. He sold his first photograph as a teenager and developed expertise in images of industry and agriculture. In addition to his corporate work, he was employed as a press photographer during the Second World War. Between 1945 and 1950, he worked with the National Film Board of Canada's Still Photography Division and completed several assignments in the North. He was appointed Canada's official photographer to the United Nations in 1948. As a full-time freelancer, he became a pioneer in aerial photography, buying and modifying a small plane so he could photograph in flight.

Image: George Hunter, *Ottawa—Plotting Air Photos at Spartan Air Service*, 1957, black and white film negative, Canadian Heritage Photography Foundation, Mississauga. © Canadian Heritage Photography Foundation.



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Image Bank (active 1970–78, Vancouver)

Image Bank was an artistic collaboration between Michael Morris (b.1942, Sussex, England), Vincent Trasov (b.1947, Edmonton), and, until 1972, Gary Lee-Nova (b.1943, Toronto). Based in Vancouver and connected to the artist-run centre Intermedia, they explored what they described as “art mailed between artists.” Image Bank sought collaboration in its quest to engage with the torrent of information and images delivered through the mass media. Their 1971 exhibition, *Image Bank Post Card Show*, displayed thousands of postcards sent in response to a call for images. Like General Idea, Image Bank turned to irony and camp, derived from queer culture and kinship, in their quest to merge art and life.

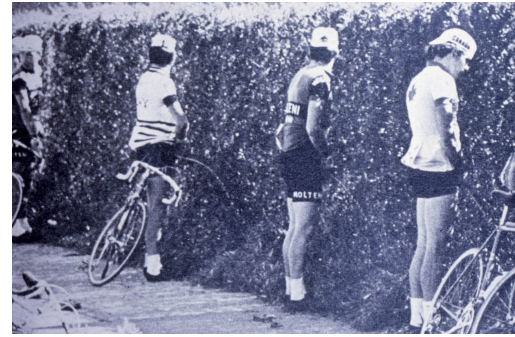


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James, Geoffrey (b.1942, St. Asaph, Wales)

James was born in Wales and immigrated to Canada in 1966. In the 1980s, James photographed European gardens, villas, and countryside using a panoramic camera, producing black and white landscape images such as the series *European Gardens and Villas*, 1984. His exhibitions and publications also feature panoramic French and Italian landscapes that explore idyllic nature. With Robert Burley and Lee Friedlander, he contributed to *Viewing Olmsted*, 1989–96, edited by Phyllis Lambert and commissioned by the Canadian Centre for Architecture, which explored the North American parks designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. In 1989 he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and in later work he explored the human impact on various landscapes, including in a series on asbestos mining in Quebec.



Image: Geoffrey James, *Saint-Cloud*, 1984, silver print on paper, image: 8.5 x 26.5 cm; on mount: 13.5 x 31.1 cm, Winnipeg Art Gallery.

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Jerome, James (Jim) (1949, Aklavik, Northwest Territories–1979, Inuvik, Northwest Territories)

Jerome, the first professional Gwich'in photographer in the Northwest Territories, documented traditional activities, events, daily life, and work at fish camps and in various N.W.T. communities in the 1960s and 1970s. He was born in Aklavik and raised at a Gwich'in camp called "Big Rock," near the Mackenzie River, before he was taken to Grollier Hall, a residential school in Inuvik. As a young man, Jerome trained as a welder, but he soon pursued photography, working briefly for the *Native Press* newspaper in 1977 before taking up freelance photography. At the time of his tragic death by house fire at the age of thirty, he was working on the series *Portraits and History of the Dene Elders in the Mackenzie Valley*. Around nine thousand negatives were recovered from his home and later donated to the NWT Archives, where they received extensive conservation treatment. The Archives partnered with the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute to host a series of identification workshops in 2008–09, through which over thirty-five hundred images were catalogued and made accessible online.



Image: James Jerome, *Northern Games: A crowd is gathered in front of Sir Alexander Mackenzie School in Inuvik during the 1979 Northern Games. Several women and children sit in the foreground, some are eating.*, 1979, graphic material, NWT Archives, Yellowknife.

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Johnston, George (1894–1972)

Johnston was a photographer in his Tlingit community of Teslin, Yukon, from approximately 1910 to 1950. He taught himself photography, including developing his own film and making prints. He bought a car and advocated for roads to be built so he and others could more freely traverse the region. As this image of children playing “funeral” testifies, Johnston’s photographs do not shy away from the harsh realities of life, but in naming the children and having them pose he also indicates his position as a deeply embedded member of his community.



In 1978, Yukon artist Jim Robb purchased many of Johnston’s photographs and sold them to the Yukon Archives. The collection and Johnston’s unique story inspired the George Johnston Museum of Tlingit history in the Yukon and an NFB film, *Picturing a People: George Johnston, Tlingit Photographer*, 1997. Starting in the 1980s, younger photographers and curators began to write about and exhibit his work as they built a more accessible history of Indigenous photography. Today, the George Johnston Fonds at the Yukon Archives consist of over one hundred photographs, including negatives and prints. His images can also be found in the Julie Cruikshank Fonds and the *Their Own Yukon Project* collection.

Image: George Johnston, *Five children playing funeral*, c.1930-50, black and white nitrate negative, 9.1 x 14.9 cm, Yukon Archives, Whitehorse.

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Kiss & Tell (founded 1984, Vancouver)

Kiss & Tell was an artist collective founded in Vancouver by three lesbian artists, Persimmon Blackridge (b.1951), Lizard Jones (b.1961), and Susan Stewart (b.1952). Their work addressed issues of censorship and lesbian sexual politics. They are best known for the 1988 exhibition *Drawing the Line: An Interactive Photo Event*, which displayed a series of approximately one hundred staged photographs by Stewart depicting Blackridge and Jones in simulated sexual positions. Women viewers were invited to respond to the photographs by leaving comments on where they would “draw the line.” The exhibition travelled to fifteen cities and instigated lively debates about lesbian sexuality and desire.



Image: Kiss & Tell, photograph by Susan Stewart from the exhibition *Drawing the Line*, 1988, SFU Library Special Collections, Burnaby.

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Levitt, Nina (b.1955)

Levitt studied photography at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Toronto Metropolitan University) and was a member of the Toronto Photography Workshop. Her early work examined and critiqued the representation of women and sexuality in mass culture. In *Conspiracy of Silence*, 1987, Levitt re-photographed and manipulated mid-century pulp fiction covers to highlight traces of queer desire. The work was created for one of the first queer-focused exhibitions in Canada, *Sight Specific: Lesbians and Representation*, 1988, and has been included in international surveys of queer art. Levitt is a professor at York University.

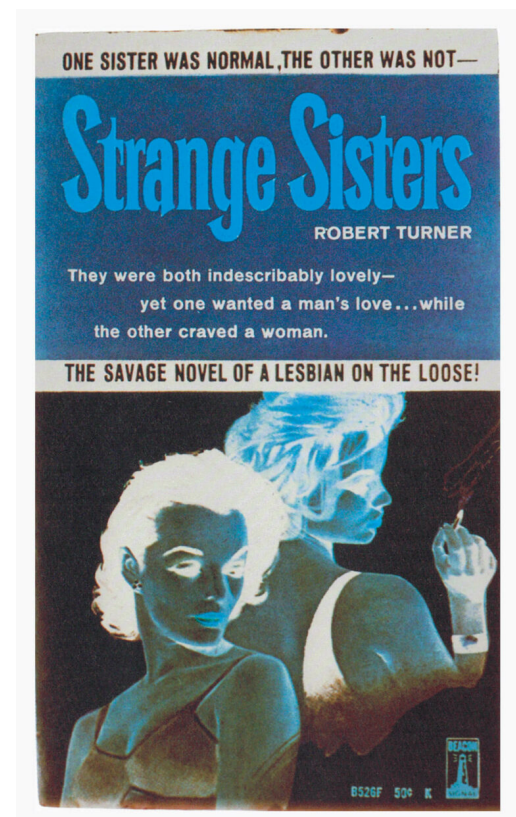
Image: Nina Levitt, *Conspiracy of Silence* (detail), 1987, five colour photographs and photograms, 76.2 x 101.6 cm, Collection of the artist.

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Liverpool, Diane (b.1958, Montreal)

Liverpool studied journalism at Centennial College and worked as a reporter and photojournalist for *Contrast*, a Black community newspaper in the Bloor and Bathurst neighbourhood of Toronto, from 1979 to 1981. One of only a few Black women in the field at the time, she covered entertainment and had access to internationally recognized actors and musicians such as Harry Belafonte, Peter Tosh, and Tina Turner.

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Lockwood, Alvira (1842, Williamsburg, Ontario–1925, Ottawa)

Lockwood learned photography from her father, Joseph, who owned an Ottawa studio specializing in daguerreotype and ambrotype portraits. After her father's death in 1859, Lockwood ran the business with her mother, Melinda, and sister Maria. In a career spanning over twenty-five years, Lockwood established herself as a skilled portraitist in a male-dominated field. She closed her studio in 1884 and trained as a painter in New York and Paris. When she returned to Ottawa in 1890, she launched a thirty-year career as a painter.

Image: Alvira Lockwood, *Portrait of a man*, c.1870, carte-de-visite, 9.4 x 5.5 cm, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University, New Haven.

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Lund, Chris (1923–1983)

Lund worked as a staff photographer for the National Film Board's Still Photography Division from the 1940s to the 1970s. He travelled throughout the country and built a significant body of work that documents Canada's considerable transformation in the postwar period. Lund often staged his pictures and showed a high degree of attention to composition.

Image: Chris Lund, *Examining new arrivals in Immigration Examination Hall, Pier 21*, March 1952, contemporary print from black and white negative, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.



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Lunney, Gar (1920, Winnipeg–2016, Vancouver)

Lunney worked with the National Film Board's Still Photography Division from 1950 to 1964 and was a founding member of the National Press Club in Ottawa. He strived to create dramatic images arranged as a series to construct a narrative and "to get away from a straight news picture."

Image: Gar Lunney, *Governor General's Northern Tour. Three Inuit men [Daniel N. Salluviniq (Sudlovenick), Joseph Idlout, Zebeddie Amarualik] holding Brownie cameras await the arrival of the Governor General Vincent Massey at Resolute Bay, N.W.T.*, March 1956, black and white photo print, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa. The title for this image was updated to include Salluviniq, Idlout, and Amarualik as part of the Project Naming project.



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Lupson, Arnold (1894, England–1951)

Lupson emigrated from England to Calgary in 1919. An amateur photographer and ethnographer, he worked extensively on the Sarcee (Tsuut'ina) reserve. In his 1923 photographically illustrated account of the Sarcee, Lupson claimed to be an adopted member of the Sarcee, but the relationship was likely more complicated. Lupson also photographed the Blackfoot (Siksika), Blood, Peigan, and Stoney communities, in the form of portraits and documentary photographs of day-to-day activities. A collection of Arnold Lupson's photographs are held at the Glenbow Museum.



Image: Arnold Lupson, *Decorated Stoney teepees, Banff Indian Days*, c.1930s, gelatin silver print, Glenbow Museum, Calgary.

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MacEachern, Ian (b.1942, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia)

MacEachern worked as a freelance photographer from the 1960s, often focusing on architecture and urban renewal, in Saint John, New Brunswick, and in Toronto and London, Ontario. In 1966, a local urban development organization commissioned him to study the dilapidated houses in the north end of Saint John. The images were not used as documents by the commission; however, they were published in *artscanada* the following year. In London, he photographed members of the regional art scene, including Murray Favro and Greg Curnoe.



Image: Ian MacEachern, *Hugh McIntyre, Art Pratten, John Clement, Murray Favro, Archie Leitch, Bill Exley, Greg Curnoe, John Boyle, Nihilist Spasm Band, York Hotel, London, ON*, 1968/2000, gelatin silver print, 27.9 x 35.6 cm, Museum London.

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Macnamara, Charles (1881, Quebec City–1944, Arnprior, Ontario)

Macnamara lived and worked in Arnprior, Ontario. He was involved with the Pictorialist movement and experimented with alternative photographic processes and the popular Victorian genre of spirit photography. Macnamara photographed the natural life in the area in great detail, reflecting his personal interests as an amateur entomologist and naturalist. His photographs also provide an important record of the early lumber industry in Canada, as he worked in that industry for decades.



Image: Charles Macnamara, *Richard Macnamara and "ghost,"* 1894, Arnprior & McNab / Braeside Archives.

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Man, Felix H. (1893, Freiburg, Breisgau, Germany–1985, London)

Man, born Hans Felix Sigismund Baumann, was a German photographer who contributed to the development of modern photojournalism through his picture stories. In the 1930s Man immigrated to Britain, where he contributed to the *Picture Post*. In 1933 he spent about six months in Canada on assignment for the leading German magazine *Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung*, or *BIZ*. Man travelled across the country and took hundreds of photographs, many of which present a romanticized view. A selection of his work is in the Library and Archives Canada collection.



Image: Felix H. Man, *C.P.R. (Canadian Pacific Railway)–Open observation car, the porter is selling goggles against the dust of the engine*, 1933, gelatin silver print, 22.4 x 29.6 cm, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

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Manning, Jimmy (b.1951, Kimmirut, Nunavut)

Manning is an artist based in Kinngait (formerly known as Cape Dorset), Nunavut, whose practice includes drawing, printing, carving, and photography. He turned to photography in 1968, and his work focuses on Arctic community life, including candid images of family, friends, and landscapes. Manning was an art buyer for the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative (WBEC, now Kinngait Studios) in the 1970s before working as the manager of its printmaking studio. He often photographed the artists who worked there. Manning is the grandson of photographer Peter Pitseolak.



Image: Jimmy Manning, *Gathering/Spring Fishing* (detail), 1999, colour photograph, 76 x 114 cm, Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa.

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Mansaram, Panchal (1934, Mount Abu, Rajasthan–2020, Hamilton, Ontario)

P.Mansaram (who preferred to write his name without a space) graduated from art school in Bombay (Mumbai) and furthered his studies in the Netherlands before immigrating to Canada in 1966. In the Netherlands he became interested in collage as a way to bring together disparate media from paint, print, and photography, as well as images drawn from Indian and Western visual cultures. In Canada, P.Mansaram forged a collaborative relationship with media theorist Marshall McLuhan and produced a range of innovative collage work before it became more widely used among Canadian artists. Until 1989 P.Mansaram taught art in Hamilton, while continuing to exhibit in Canada and in India. His work is in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum.



Image: P.Mansaram, *Boxers at the Entrance of a Toronto Subway*, 1976, paper cut-out on a gelatin silver print, 28 x 35.5 cm, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

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Max, John (1936, Montreal–2011, Montreal)

Max was an editorial photographer in the 1950s and 1960s and worked with the National Film Board's Still Photography Division. In the late 1960s he turned his focus to artistic work. Max's best-known artwork is the 1972 series *Open Passport*, where he organized 162 of his personal photographs into a poetic narrative that explores human intimacy.

Image: John Max, Double-page spread of *Open Passport*, 1973, offset lithography on paper, 28.5 x 44 cm, Collection of the Estate of John Max.



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McCall, Helen (1899, West Howe Sound, British Columbia–1956, Dollarton, British Columbia)

McCall was a professional photographer working in the southern mainland coast region of British Columbia in the 1920s and 1930s. She specialized in scenic views, which she sold as postcards to residents and tourists. McCall also photographed events and celebrations, such as regattas and weddings. Another aspect of her enterprise involved travelling to schools along the coast to produce class photos. Her work is in the collection of the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives in Gibsons, B.C.



Image: Helen McCall, a colourized or tinted postcard photo of the Union Steamship Company vessel S.S. *Capilano* docked at Keats Island, 1930, postcard, Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives, Gibsons, British Columbia.

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McDougall, Annie (1866, Trois-Rivières, Quebec–1952, Montreal)

Before she began her almost five decades-long tenure as the librarian at the Fraser Institute in Montreal, McDougall was an avid amateur photographer. She bought one of the new hand-held cameras from William Notman in 1888 and turned the lens on her surroundings and extended family in Drummondville, Quebec. McDougall photographed her nieces and nephews, friends, landscapes, and domestic interiors with humour and a keen eye for unusual arrangements. The negatives her nephew donated to the McCord Museum provide an intimate woman's perspective of late nineteenth-century middle-class life in Quebec.



Image: Annie McDougall, William, Jimmie, Ivan and Bruce Millar at St. Francis River, Drummondville, QC, 1888, silver salts on glass, gelatin dry plate process, 10 x 12 cm, McCord Stewart Museum, Montreal.

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McEachern, Susan (b.1951, Wausau, Wisconsin)

Since the 1980s, McEachern has investigated issues of gender, domesticity, and labour. Informed by feminist theory and taking her lived experience as a point of departure, her work comments on the social construction of identity and history. In series such as *The Family in the Context of Childrearing*, 1985, and *On Living at Home*, 1986–87, McEachern explores gender and the intersection of public and private space through closely cropped photographs combined with text. McEachern taught at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design/NSCAD University in Halifax from 1977 until her retirement in 2013.



Image: Susan McEachern, *Part Four: The Outside World* (detail), 1986–87, six chromogenic prints, 40.6 x 50.8 cm each, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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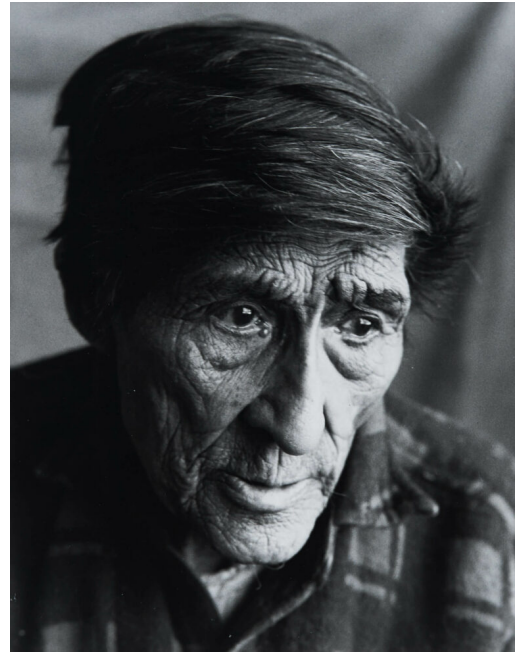
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McKenzie, Murray (1927, Cumberland House, Saskatchewan–2007, Winnipeg)

Born to Scots-Métis and Cree parents, McKenzie was raised in northern Manitoba. At age seventeen, he was sent to a sanatorium after contracting tuberculosis. His mother gave him a Brownie camera, which he used to photograph the other patients, and following this experience, he took a photography course by correspondence. While working other jobs, McKenzie continued to photograph Indigenous people and their ways of life, exhibiting, selling images to news organizations such as the Winnipeg Free Press, and collaborating on a book about northern Manitoba. In 1985 he became the first board president of the Native Indian / Inuit Photographers' Association (NIIPA). His work toured as part of the first group exhibition, *Visions*, 1985, and as part of the second exhibition and book project, *Silver Drum*, 1986, which placed four contemporary photographers in dialogue with the work of the late George Johnston. For *Visions*, McKenzie offered this artist statement: "Photography affirms and poses questions of a community, thus playing an important role in community development. I believe strongly that photographs by Indians can reflect our unique view of the world. Not only is it possible, but it is our duty."



Murray McKenzie, *Daniel Spence, Lonesome Trapper, age 102*, 1984, black and white photograph, image: 36.5 x 28.5 cm, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Gatineau.

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Minden, Robert (b.1941, Toronto)

Robert Minden is a sociologist, musician, and photographer based in Vancouver. He is known for his documentary photographs from the 1970s and 1980s of the dispossessed Doukhobor communities in the Kootenays and the displaced Japanese Canadian community in the fishing village of Steveston, both in B.C. Minden collaborated with poet Daphne Marlatt on the now classic work *Steveston*, an evocation of the Japanese Canadian experience at the mouth of the Fraser River.

Image: Robert Minden, *Tsuneko and her children, Aaron and Gen*, 1974, gelatin silver print, Collection of the artist.

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Moser, Lida (1920, New York–2014, Washington, D.C.)

Lida Moser was a freelance photographer who began her career in New York during the 1940s. She apprenticed with photographer Berenice Abbott and was a member of New York's Photo League. In the summer of 1950, *Vogue* magazine hired Moser to report on Canada. She met Paul Gouin, cultural advisor to Quebec premier Maurice Duplessis, and accompanied him on a government-sponsored tour of the province. During this visit and on a subsequent assignment for *Look* magazine, Moser photographed the people and architecture of Quebec, focusing on distinctive features of rural life. Moser had a long career as a commercial photographer and wrote several books about how to succeed in the field.



Image: Lida Moser, *At the intersection of Saint-Flavien and Couillard streets, Québec*, 1950, gelatin silver print, 26.8 x 28.6 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Québec City.

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Niro, Shelley (b.1954, Niagara Falls, New York)

Niro is a member of the Six Nations Reserve, Turtle Clan, Bay of Quinte Mohawk, near Brantford, Ontario, and a multidisciplinary artist. In the 1980s she explored identity and cultural memory through a series of joyful portraits of her mother and sisters. *The Rebel*, 1982, takes its title from the American Motors car of the same name and features her mother, June Chiquita Doxtater, playfully lying across the trunk. The light-hearted tone of the work was both a purposeful contrast with the negative stereotypes of Indigenous people circulating in mainstream culture and a reference to the matriarchal structure of Haudenosaunee culture. Niro was the winner of the 2017 Scotiabank Photography Award.



Image: Shelley Niro, *The Rebel*, 1987, hand-tinted photograph, 35 x 41.5 cm, courtesy of the artist.

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Nishimura, Arthur (b.1946, Raymond, Alberta)

Nishimura's parents settled in southern Alberta in the 1910s, his father using photography to communicate with his family in Japan. Nishimura learned photography from his father and went on to teach the subject at the University of Calgary from 1971 to 2010. He uses historical wet plate processes to produce black and white photographs. Much of his work focuses on the prairie landscape and incorporates traces of industrial infrastructure and architecture.



Image: Arthur Nishimura, *Wheel of Flatland Dharma*, 1978, selenium-toned gelatin silver print on paper, 15 x 15 cm, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Edmonton.

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Paskievich, John (b.1947, Linz, Austria)

Paskievich's parents were displaced persons from Ukraine who immigrated to Canada when he was a child. He grew up in Winnipeg and studied photography and film at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Toronto Metropolitan University). In the mid-1970s, after five years of studies and international travels, Paskievich returned to his childhood neighbourhood in the North End of Winnipeg, then populated by refugees, Eastern European immigrants, and Indigenous people, and was inspired to photograph his surroundings. He has worked as a street photographer in Winnipeg for over forty years, producing exhibitions such as *A Place Not Our Own*, 1978, and, later, *The North End*, 2007, and *The North End Revisited*, 2017, retrospectives of his early photography. His other works in photography and film explores community history and Ukrainian identity, such as his book *A Voiceless Song: Photographs of the Slavic Lands* (1983), documenting a 1980 trip to Eastern Europe and the then-Soviet Union, and a short documentary film exploring a well-established Ukrainian Canadian grocer, *Ted Baryluk's Grocery* (Michael Mirus and Paskievich, NFB, 1982).



Image: John Paskievich, *Untitled*, from the series *North End*, Winnipeg, 1976, silver print on paper, silver halide, 30.2 x 20.1 cm, Winnipeg Art Gallery.

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Penner Bancroft, Marian (b.1947, Chilliwack, British Columbia)

Penner Bancroft is a Vancouver-based artist whose work explores connections between memory, history, and place. In the late 1970s she produced *For Dennis and Susan: Running Arms to a Civil War*, 1977, an extended portrait about her sister Susan and brother-in-law Dennis, who had been diagnosed with leukemia. Penner Bancroft developed an approach to photography that emphasized relationships and daily life. In works such as *Mnemonicon (The Screen)*, 1988, and *Shift*, 1989, she introduced sculptural elements as a means of investigating gender, identity, and memory as situated concepts connected to place. She is professor emerita at Emily Carr University of Art + Design and in 2012 won the Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts.



Image: Marian Penner Bancroft, *Mnemonicon (The Screen)* (detail), 1988, silver gelatin prints on panel, 203 x 307.5 x 4.8 cm.

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Poirier, Conrad (1912, Montreal–1968, Montreal)

Poirier was a prolific freelance photojournalist active from the 1930s through the 1950s. His photographs often pictured the lively street life of Montreal and the drama of sports. His work was published in several Montreal newspapers, including *La Presse* and the *Gazette*. His fonds are at the Archives nationales à Montréal.



Image: Conrad Poirier, *Children. A Gym in Your Own Backyard*, July 10, 1942, black and white film negative, National Library and Archives of Quebec, Montreal.

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Pootoogook, Itee (1951, Lake Harbour, Northwest Territories (now Kimmirut, Nunavut)–2014)

A nephew of Peter Pitseolak, Itee Pootoogook was an artist based in Kinngait (Cape Dorset) and best known for his drawings of contemporary life in the Arctic. However, photography was always important to Pootoogook's practice, whether as final pieces or as a base for his drawings of people and places. His photographs were featured in the 1973 exhibition *Animation from Cape Dorset*, organized by the National Film Board.



Image: Itee Pootoogook, still from "New Photos by Itee Pootoogook," in *Animation from Cape Dorset*, 1973, still image from a thirteen-minute video, National Film Board of Canada, Montreal.

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Raginsky, Nina (b.1941, Montreal)

Nina Raginsky is a freelance photographer who worked with the National Film Board's Still Photography Division between 1963 and 1981. She is best known for distinctive portraits created in British Columbia in the 1970s, which are often frontal, full-figured, and hand-coloured. Raginsky has also worked on series on remote communities in Yukon and B.C. and taught at the Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

Image: Cover of *The Banff Purchase: An Exhibition of Photography in Canada*, 1979, featuring Nina Raginsky's photograph, *Lynn Chrisman, Vancouver Art School Student, Vancouver, British Columbia*, 1975.

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Reeves, Gladys (1890, Somerset, England–1974, Edmonton) and Ernest Brown (1877, Newcastle upon Tyne, England–1951, Edmonton)

In 1908, Brown purchased an established studio in Edmonton with stock images dating back to the 1880s, and Reeves soon began working there. When the business went bankrupt in 1920, Brown undertook photographic projects in rural Alberta and became increasingly involved in socialist politics. Reeves then founded and operated a studio called the Art League. In addition to the usual portrait and commercial work, Reeves documented many important events in Edmonton's history, while also winning awards at international photo competitions. In the 1930s the pair founded the Pioneer Days Museum, a collection of natural history and material culture objects, as well as a huge number of photographs mainly taken by Brown on his hiatus from Edmonton. Through the Art League, Reeves and Brown also published "The Birth of the West" an educational series of cards composed of text and images. Brown's collection was donated to the province in 1947, and Reeves was hired to catalogue it, providing a unique, if often problematically colonial, visual archive of Alberta's history.



Image: Gladys Reeves, *Sons of England Fair, St. Albert and Edmonton, Alberta, August 23, 1907*, black and white photo print, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Edmonton.

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Russell, James (b.1946, Los Angeles)

Russell got his start as a photographer at *Contrast* newspaper in the late 1960s. After taking a break for several years, he worked freelance for the *Toronto Sun*, the *Oakville Beaver*, the *Scarborough Mirror*, and the *Etobicoke Guardian*. From 1981 until 1991 he was a photographer for the *Toronto Star*, and in 1992 he won the Canadian Press Photographer of the Year Award. His subjects included fashion, beauty pageants, portraits, sports, and political events.

Image: James Russell, *Miss Black Ontario winner, Miss Rexdale, Rhonda Broadbent*, 1981, gelatin silver print.

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Saint-Jean, Michel (1937, Montreal–2007, Montreal)

Saint-Jean was a photographer active in Montreal from the late 1950s to the early 1970s. He worked as a freelance photojournalist and pursued independent projects, such as *L'Amérique québécoise* (1963–73). This ten-year documentary series captured and critiqued the modernization and commodification of, as well as the American influence in, Quebec culture. This project was chosen to represent Canada in the 1975 *Rencontres internationales de la photographie* in Arles, France. Saint-Jean moved to Paris in 1973.



Image: Michel Saint-Jean, *Boulevard de Maisonneuve, Montréal*, 1969, gelatin silver print, 30.5 x 40.5 cm, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

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Sauer, June (b.1924, Thunder Bay, Ontario)

Born in Thunder Bay, Sauer moved in the late 1940s to Montreal, where she married commercial photographer Max Sauer. She learned photography as she worked with her husband and then ran the studio by herself after his sudden death in 1954. Sauer shifted the studio's focus from industrial to fashion photography, with a particular interest in fur. She garnered commissions from major department stores and domestic, as well as international, fur trading organizations and publications. Sauer also experimented with alternative photographic processes. In her science-fiction inspired image of three models, Sauer enhanced the modern fashions by combining collaged figures from several negatives to make them seem as though they are floating in space. The otherworldly light effects are created by solarization, which entails briefly exposing the print to light during the developing process. Sauer remains an elusive figure and her work has rarely been celebrated, exhibited, or collected. Nevertheless, her international acclaim is marked by awards, including a Merit award from the Professional Photographers of America, a rarity for both a woman and a Canadian.



Image: June Sauer, *Venus in Furs*, model F. Todaxco, c.1960, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.

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Semchishen, Orest (b.1932, Mundare, Alberta)

A radiologist by profession, Semchishen practised photography in his spare time. During his studies with photographer Hubert Hohn, Semchishen embarked on a rigorous modernist project documenting the visual landscape of Alberta and particularly its architectural and religious heritage. In 1976 Hohn curated a show of Semchishen's detailed photographs of dome-topped Byzantine churches around Alberta. These were built by Ukrainian communities, including Semchishen's own, and by then mostly abandoned. Semchishen's work was part of the Banff Purchase of 1979.



Image: Orest Semchishen, *Holy Ghost Ukrainian Church, Derwent, Alberta*, 1974, printed 1990, gelatin silver print, 27.8 x 35.4 cm; image: 22.4 x 29 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.

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Spohr, Barbara (1955, Vancouver–1987, Calgary)

Spohr lived and worked mostly in Banff and Nelson, B.C., producing a remarkably cohesive body of work in a career cut short by Hodgkin's lymphoma. She began working in photography in 1977 after training in painting and printmaking at the Alberta College of Art and Banff School. Spohr's intimate photographs capture the beauty and detail of daily life. Her later work is embellished around the edges with observations. In 1980 she attended the Apeiron Workshop in rural New York, an independent program inspired by Minor White, which featured a who's who of eminent creative photographers as instructors. Work produced at the Apeiron was purchased by famed collector Sam Wagstaff and is included in the photographs acquired from him by the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.



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Squire, Lorene (1908, Harper, Kansas–1942, Pawhuska, Oklahoma)

Squire began her photography career by documenting wildfowl during the Great Depression. Two significant series were commissioned by *The Beaver* (now *Canadian History*) and Canadian Airways—the 1937 photographs of wildfowl in the marshes of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, and the 1938 photographs of everyday life in the Canadian Arctic. Many of these images, along with her candid writing, also appear in her book *Wildfowling with a Camera*, 1938. Squire died in a car accident in 1942, and her family donated thousands of her photographs and negatives to the Hudson's Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg.

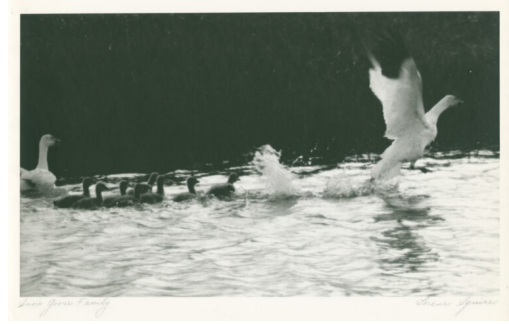


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Staats, Greg (b.1963, Skarù:rę? [Tuscarora] / Kanien'kehá:ka [Mohawk] Hodinöhsö:ni', Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario)

Staats is a Mohawk artist based in Toronto. He was active in the Indigenous photography movement in the 1980s and first exhibited his work with other members of the Native Indian / Inuit Photographers' Association (NIIPA). His work addresses themes of loss and renewal and explores connections between identity, memory, and cultural knowledge. Drawing on Haudenosaunee tradition, he has developed a restorative aesthetic that works toward healing and regeneration.

Image: Greg Staats, Skarù:rę? [Tuscarora] / Kanien'kehá:ka [Mohawk] Hodinöhsö:ni', Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Ontario, *Mary [Anderson Monture]*, 1982, toned silver print, 37 x 37 cm, Indigenous Art Centre, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Gatineau.



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Steltzer, Ulli (1923, Frankfurt–2018, Vancouver)

Steltzer emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1953. There, she learned photography and worked first as a staff photographer for a local newspaper in Princeton, New Jersey, and then for Princeton University. In 1972 she moved to Vancouver, where she began to photograph Northwest Coast Indigenous artists. Steltzer's photographs show artists preparing materials and at work, making baskets, blankets, carvings, and more. Her portraits of artists such as Bill Reid and Robert Davidson, published in *Indian Artists at Work*, 1976, helped raise awareness of a Northwest Coast cultural revival. She travelled widely and published books on subjects that included Inuit, immigrants in the U.S., and the Guatemalan highlands.



Image: Ulli Steltzer, *Florence Davidson, weaving a cedar hat*, 1975, photo emulsion, 27.3 x 31.9 cm, Legacy Art Galleries, University of Victoria.

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Sugino, Shin (b.1946, Osaka, Japan)

Sugino immigrated to Toronto at the age of nineteen. He studied photography at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Toronto Metropolitan University) before embarking on a long and extremely successful career as a commercial photographer and film director of photography. In 1978 Sugino provided the dramatic landscape photographs of the Rockies for a popular book written by poet Jon Whyte and the photographs for Farley Mowat's 1976 book entitled *Canada North Now*. Sugino also helped shape the Canadian photography scene in the 1970s as editor of the magazine *Impressions* (later *C Magazine*) and as a curator, including of *Exposure*, a significant survey of contemporary Canadian photography held at the Art Gallery of Ontario in 1975.



Image: Shin Sugino, *Man in a Cafe Ouarzazate*, 1975, gelatin silver print using a Pola Pan Negative, 40.6 x 50.8 cm.

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During the Second World War, Kryn worked in the Ondergedoken Camera (underground camera) movement secretly photographing German abuses in the Netherlands. Kryn and Tess met in Paris in 1950 when Kryn was the first Dutch photographer invited to join Magnum, the prestigious Paris-based press agency, and Tess was working as a darkroom technician and as a caption writer for Henri Cartier-Bresson. Kryn's relationship with Magnum degraded in the wake of political fallout from a celebrated series produced during the two weeks he spent with the National Liberation Army of Algeria in 1957 documenting their battle against French colonial forces. Tess and Kryn moved to Toronto in 1959. Tess documented the lively Toronto art scene of the 1960s. Kryn worked as a freelance photojournalist on assignments across Canada and internationally during the 1960s and 1970s, and collaborated with the National Film Board's Still Photography Division, producing a lauded series on Hutterite communities in the West. In addition to making her own photographs, Tess had a paid contract with *Star Weekly* to print her husband's photographs.



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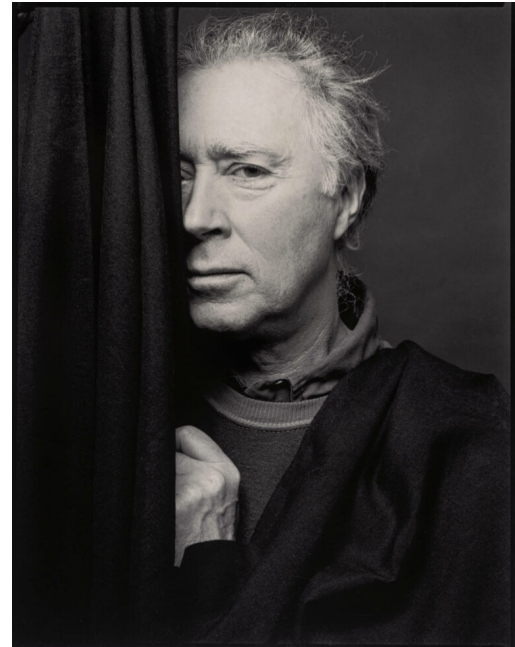
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Torosian, Michael (b.1952, Fort Erie, Ontario)

Michael Torosian is a Toronto-based documentary photographer whose work explores portraiture and the human body. His series *Toronto Suite*, 1989, features portraits of artists represented by the Isaacs Gallery. Inspired by sixteenth-century northern Renaissance painter Hans Holbein (1497–1543), Torosian concentrated on conveying the character of his sitters, and his portrait of Michael Snow highlights that artist's deep commitment to experimentation. Torosian is also the founder of Lumiere Press, a private publisher of limited-edition, hand-crafted books on photography launched in 1986. The Lumiere Press Archives are at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto.

Image: Michael Torosian, *Michael Snow*, 1988, printed 1989, gelatin silver print, toned, 35.3 x 27.6 cm; image: 32.3 x 24.6 cm, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



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Serge Tousignant is a multimedia artist based in Montreal, associated with the emergence of contemporary art in Quebec. From the early 1970s, his experimental work explored the relationship between sculpture and photography, particularly the way photographs contextualize and decontextualize objects in space. Tousignant was a founding member of the artist-run centre Véhicule and taught at the Université de Montréal.

Image: Serge Tousignant, *Still-Life with Art Works*, 1986, chromogenic prints (Ektacolor), 1: 135.4 x 103.7 cm; image: 122.3 x 97.5 cm; 2: 135.6 x 103.8 cm; image: 122.3 x 97.4 cm; 3: 135.5 x 103.8 cm; image: 122 x 97.1 cm; 4: 135.5 x 103.7 cm; image: 122.5 x 97.2 cm, CMCP Collection, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.



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Turofsky, Louis (Lou) (1892, Chicago–1959, Toronto) and Nathan (Nat) Turofsky (1895–1956)

Lou and younger brother Nat's parents were Jewish Russian immigrants who moved their six children from Chicago to Toronto in 1900. The brothers operated Alexandra Studios on Queen Street West from 1910. They had a wildly successful and diverse practice, including news events and street photography, but became particularly well known for their sports photography. Nat was the official photographer of the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Hockey Hall of Fame now houses many of these images in the Turofsky Collection.



Image: Lou and Nat Turofsky, *Bill Barilko scores the Stanley-cup winning goal during overtime in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens*, April 21, 1951, Hockey Hall of Fame, Toronto, Imperial Oil - Turofsky Collection.

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Vallée opened a studio in 1867 along the vibrant Rue Saint-Jean in the upper town of Quebec City. He specialized in stereographs and views of the city, its architecture, and monuments. He published his *Catalogue of Photographic Views of Quebec and Vicinities* around 1878, listing the subjects of his photographs for potential clients and guiding visitors to places of interest. Vallée purchased negatives from George William Ellisson when Ellisson & Co. studio closed in 1879. Vallée catered to the city's upper class and tourists, and he was in competition with the Livernois Studio. His business declined in the 1890s and closed in 1901.



Image: Louis-Prudent Vallée, *Le Château Frontenac vu du parc Montmorency, Québec*, c.1890, albumen silver print, 17.6 x 22.6 cm, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Quebec City.

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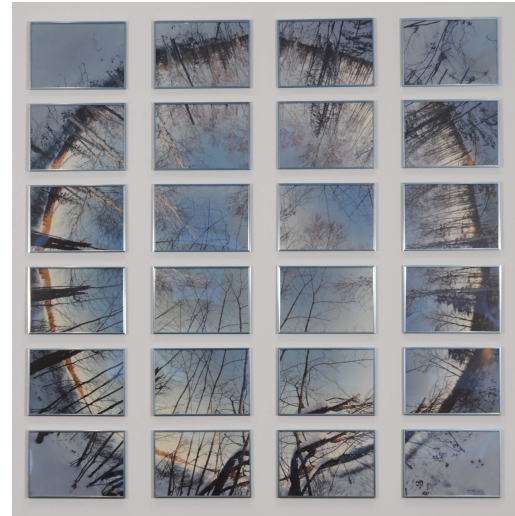
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Vazan, Bill (b.1933, Toronto)

Vazan is a conceptual artist who began using photography to document his works of land art. In the mid-1970s he created photo-mosaic grids exploring historic sites and natural environments. He described these as “mental maps” and experimented with a variety of configurations, including spirals, globes, and spheres, to refer to specific places. His photoworks reveal the constraints of rationality and suggest other cosmological understandings of the world. Vazan taught at Concordia University and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) and was an important contributor to the Montreal art scene.

Image: Bill Vazan, *Lac Clair Sky Globe (Winter)*, c.1975, chromogenic prints, 23.1 x 34.7 cm each, Museum London. © Bill Vazan / CARCC Ottawa 2023.



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Viewegar, Hugo (1873, Leipzig, Germany–1930, Edgerton, Alberta)

Viewegar was from a prosperous family and spent time in Paris, where he met Alfred Steiglitz (1864–1946) and learned the early colour, autochrome process from the Lumière brothers. He moved to Edmonton in 1912 and set up a successful studio the following year. Viewegar was interested in the expressive potential of colour and favoured a Pictorialist style in his portraiture. He also expressed the mythology of the western frontier in scenes of Mounties and in photographs of Indigenous people. His career was cut short by the start of the First World War. As a German national, his business was closed and many of his government photographs seized.

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Waugh worked in the Anthropology division of the Geological Survey of Canada, where he conducted research and photographed Indigenous people in eastern Canada, focusing on the technology and food preparation of the Haudenosaunee (1911–18). Waugh's papers and photographs are held at the Canadian Museum of History, where in 1999 photographer Jeff Thomas curated *Emergence from the Shadow: First Peoples' Photographic Perspectives*. The exhibition placed the work of Indigenous artists and the work of several ethnographers—including Waugh—together to create a dialogue.



Image: Frederick Wilkerson Waugh, *Simon Bumberry with fishing equipment, halfway between Six Nations Indian Reserve, Ontario and Tuscarora Indian Reserve, New York*, 1912, black and white negative, 12.7 x 10.16 cm, Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau.

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White was an Inuk woman and an amateur photographer who photographed daily life in Labrador from the 1920s to the 1950s. She was married to Richard White, the owner of a trading post, and many of her photographs portray the activities of Inuit and Innu in the vicinity of Kauk, a settlement north of Voisey's Bay. In the 1950s White sent over two hundred photographs to American anthropologist Alika Podolinsky Webber, whom she met while Webber was conducting thesis research in Labrador. This material is now in the collection of Library and Archives Canada.



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Whitelaw took up photography as a teenager in Vancouver and had a budding business under the guidance of his mentor, John Vanderpant. Whitelaw was active in the local camera club and his youthful work suggests a conscious shift from Pictorialism to a more modern geometric style. After the Depression hit, he left Vancouver for Toronto, where he was involved with the Camera Club. He worked as a commercial and advertising photographer for Milne Studios in the early 1930s and moved to the fashion and catalogue department of Pringle & Booth in the mid-1930s, where he began working in colour. After the war, he was hired by Brigden's Limited, a prominent graphic arts agency in Toronto, and became involved in professional organizing as a founding member of the Commercial and Press Photographers Association of Canada. Whitelaw had a long career creating carefully crafted images of modern Canada.



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Wong is primarily known as a video artist whose experimental works explore sexuality, race, and place. However, he has worked in still photography throughout his career, including contributions to the collaborative project, *13 Cameras/Vancouver*, 1979, organized by Roy Kiyooka. In 1977, Wong collaborated on *Murder Research*, which used thirty-six photo/text panels and a video to offer a blended fact and fiction account of the murder of a young Indigenous man.

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Wood trained at William Notman's Montreal studio before returning to the Eastern Townships of Quebec to work for photographer John A. Wheeler. From 1897 through 1907, she operated her own business in Knowlton as "Miss S.E. Wood," though it was unusual to announce one's unmarried status as a woman businessowner. Wood focused on portraits and landscapes, many of which she featured in a popular series of illustrated postcards that helped encourage and shape tourism in the area.



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GLOSSARY

albumen

A coating consisting of a combination of egg whites and salt, applied to glass (for photographic negatives) or, more commonly, paper (for photographic prints), and then sensitized with a silver nitrate solution. Albumen prints were common from the 1850s to the 1890s and were preferred to salt prints for their clarity.

aquatint

An intaglio printing technique in which an engraved copperplate is immersed in an acid bath to create sunken areas that hold ink. A variation of etching, aquatints resemble watercolour drawings because of the possible tone gradations.

Art Association of Montreal (AAM)

Founded in 1860 as an offshoot of the Montreal Society of Artists (itself dating to 1847), the Art Association of Montreal became the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in 1947. The MMFA is now a major international museum, with more than 1 million visitors annually.

Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)

Founded in 1900 as the Art Museum of Toronto—and later named the Art Gallery of Toronto—the Art Gallery of Ontario is a major collecting institution in Toronto, Ontario, holding close to 95,000 works by Canadian and international artists.

artist-run gallery/centre

A gallery or other art space developed and run by artists. In Canada these include YYZ and Art Metropole in Toronto, Forest City Gallery in London, and Western Front in Vancouver, and formerly Véhicule Art Inc. in Montreal, The Region Gallery in London, and Garret Gallery in Toronto. These not-for-profit organizations exist outside the commercial and institutional gallery system. They aim to support avant-grade practices and emerging artists, foster dialogue between creators, and cultivate the production and exhibition of new artworks.

Arts and Crafts

A precursor to modernist design, this decorative arts movement developed in the mid-nineteenth century in England in response to what its proponents saw as the dehumanizing effects of industrialization. Spearheaded by William Morris, the Arts and Crafts movement valued craftsmanship and simplicity of form and frequently incorporated nature motifs in the design of ordinary objects.

artscanada

The national visual-arts periodical *Canadian Art* underwent several name changes from the time of its foundation in 1940. First called *Maritime Art*, it became *Canadian Art* in 1943; in 1967, its editor changed its name to *artscanada*. It became *Canadian Art* again in 1983. The magazine ceased operations in 2021.

Atget, Eugène (French, 1857–1927)

A photographer best known for his images of Paris on the cusp of the modern era. His photographs of Parisian city streets, architecture, and landmarks were influential for avant-garde artists like the Surrealists who were interested in the creative potential of his documentary works.

autochrome process

The first fully practical and widely successful process for colour photography, patented by the Lumière brothers in 1903 and commercially available by 1907. The autochrome process involved a single glass plate, which was treated with microscopic grains of dyed potato starch and then coated in a black and white panchromatic silver halide emulsion. Once the plate was exposed, a colour image with a distinctive granular texture would appear. The technique was popular for thirty years and was then replaced by roll film colour processes.

Baudelaire, Charles (French, 1821–1867)

An influential poet and art critic who inspired the Symbolist movement and revelled in the sensual contradictions between the ruins of urban life and beauty, Baudelaire is perhaps best known for his 1857 poetry collection *Les fleurs du mal*, which explored taboos around bourgeois values. He is associated with philosopher and cultural critic Walter Benjamin and the figures of the *flâneur* and the bohemian.

BAXTER&, IAIN (Canadian, b. 1936)

A seminal figure in the history of Conceptual art in Canada. In 1966, he co-founded, with Ingrid Baxter, the N.E. Thing Co. Conceptual artists' collective, and that same year launched the gallery and the visual arts program at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. His work typically incorporates photography, performance, and installations. In 2005, Iain Baxter changed his name to IAIN BAXTER& to reflect his non-authorial approach to art production.

Beuys, Joseph (German, 1921–1986)

A versatile visual artist, performer, teacher, and political activist whose "expanded concept of art," as he put it, held that every individual could act creatively and that creativity could infuse every aspect of life. Animals are an important theme in Beuys's frequently Symbolist and expressionistic works. He also made use of felt and fat in his artworks, as these materials held deep significance for him.

Bobak, Molly Lamb (Canadian, 1920–2014)

Vancouver-born artist Molly Lamb Bobak studied with Jack Shadbolt at the Vancouver School of Art. She served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps during the Second World War and, in 1945, became the first woman to be named an Official War Artist. Her work includes both delicate floral studies in watercolour and depictions of interiors and of the crowds that animate scenes of regional life rendered in oil. In the 1950s and 1960s she gave televised art courses that were broadcast on various regional networks. (See *Molly Lamb Bobak: Life & Work* by Michelle Gewurtz.)

Brymner, William (Scottish/Canadian, 1855–1925)

A painter and influential teacher who contributed greatly to the development of painting in Canada, Brymner instructed at the Art Association of Montreal. Several of his students, including A.Y. Jackson, Edwin Holgate, and Prudence Heward, became prominent figures in Canadian art. (See *William Brymner: Life & Work* by Jocelyn Anderson.)

cabinet card

A card-mounted photograph used almost exclusively for portraiture, similar in style and purpose to cartes-de-visite but larger and popularized later. Cabinet card prints were originally albumen but were later produced using gelatin silver, collodion, platinum, or carbon processes.

calotype

The first negative/positive photographic process, developed by British inventor William Henry Fox Talbot in the 1830s and patented in 1841. (It was also known as Talbotype.) Sensitized paper is exposed to light in a camera, creating a latent image. The image is then chemically developed and fixed as a negative from which multiple positive prints can be made. Because of its reproducibility, the calotype provided the basis for more subsequent photographic processes than the daguerreotype did.

Canada Council for the Arts

A Crown corporation created in 1957 by the parliamentary Canada Council for the Arts Act. The Canada Council exists to encourage art production and to promote the study and enjoyment of art in Canada. It provides support to artists and arts organizations from across all artistic disciplines, including visual art, dance, music, and literature.

CARFAC (Canadian Artists' Representation)

A national non-profit artists' organization that serves to protect the economic and intellectual property rights of its members and to promote the visual arts in Canada. CARFAC was founded in 1968 by London artists Jack Chambers, Tony Urquhart, and Kim Ondaatje; it currently has around four thousand members.

Carr, Emily (Canadian, 1871–1945)

A pre-eminent B.C.-based artist and writer, Carr is renowned today for her bold and vibrant images of both the Northwest Coast landscape and its Native peoples. Educated in California, England, and France, she was influenced by a variety of modern art movements but ultimately developed a unique aesthetic style. She was one of the first West Coast artists to achieve national recognition. (See *Emily Carr: Life & Work* by Lisa Baldissera.)

carte-de-visite

A card-mounted photograph, roughly the size and shape of a playing card, produced in multiple using a multi-lens camera. Patented by A.A.E. Disdéri in Paris in 1854, cartes-de-visite were largely intended as photographic calling cards; they depicted sitters according to nearly universal conventions.

composite photograph

Created by photographers using a cut-and-paste technique, primarily in the nineteenth century—when exposure times were long and outdoor photography was difficult—composite photographs were a means of guaranteeing that each figure in a group photograph was sharp, visible, well posed, and had a pleasing facial expression.

Conceptual art

Traced to the work of Marcel Duchamp but not codified until the 1960s, “Conceptual art” is a general term for art that emphasizes ideas over form. The finished product may even be physically transient, as with land art or performance art.

cyanotype

An iron-based process for positive printing invented by Sir John Herschel in 1842. Cyanotypes are slow-reacting, highly sensitive to light, and result in prints in a hue reminiscent of Prussian blue. The process was taken up primarily by botanical illustrators such as Anna Atkins, one of the first women photographers and the author of the first book containing photographic illustrations, *Photographs of British Algae: Cyanotype Impressions* (1843).

daguerreotype

Among the earliest type of photograph, the finely detailed daguerreotype image is formed on the mirrored surface of a sheet of silver-plated copper. The process is extremely complex and finicky, but these photographs were nonetheless phenomenally popular from the time of their invention, by Louis Daguerre in 1839, up until the 1850s.

Delacroix, Eugène (French, 1798–1863)

A leading French Romantic painter whose use of rich, sensual colours influenced the Impressionists and Post-Impressionists. Following the Romantic tradition, Delacroix portrayed exoticized Moroccan subjects and dramatic scenes from history and contemporary events. His frenzied brushwork conveyed tragedy and emotion. Among his most well-known paintings is *Liberty Leading the People*, 1830.

dry plate process

Developed in 1871 by Richard Leach Maddox, and improved upon by Richard Kennett and Charles Bennett in 1873 and 1878, the dry plate process revolutionized photography with its convenience by comparison to the wet collodion process that preceded it. Rather than needing to be exposed, sensitized, and developed while still wet, the dry plate process allowed a silver bromide gelatin emulsion to dry on glass plates that could then be transported and exposed at a later time.

dye transfer printing

A photographic process whereby colours are printed separately and then layered and combined to create a final saturated image. An early version of the process was first used by Technicolor in the late 1920s; the dye transfer materials were manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company, who improved

and commercialized the process in 1946. In the postwar years it was used widely in commercial photography and advertising.

Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Originally founded in 1925 by the British Columbia Art League as the Vancouver School of Decorative and Applied Arts, the school changed its name to the Vancouver School of Art in 1936. In 1980 it became the Emily Carr College of Art and, in 2008, obtained university status as the Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

Emma Lake Artists' Workshops

An annual two-week summer program established by Canadian artists Arthur McKay (1926–2000) and Kenneth Lochhead (1926–2006) in 1955. The goal of the workshops was to connect Saskatchewan artists with the greater art world by inviting art theorists, critics, and artists to conduct workshops at the remote location of Emma Lake in northern Saskatchewan. Throughout the years, the workshop leaders included influential figures such as Clement Greenberg, Barnett Newman, and Will Barnet.

Expo 67

The world's fair of 1967, held in Montreal, was a celebration of Canada's Centennial. With sixty-two participating nations and attendance of more than 50 million people, Expo solidified Montreal's reputation as an international city and Canada's as a place for innovation.

Fraser, John Arthur (British/Canadian, 1838–1898)

A painter, photographer, illustrator, and art teacher born in England. Upon immigrating to Canada around 1860, Fraser began painting studio backdrops for the photographer William Notman, becoming a partner in Notman's Toronto firm in 1867.

Gagnon, Charles (Canadian, 1934–2003)

A Montreal artist who worked across a variety of media, including film, photography, collage, and box constructions, as well as painting. From 1956 to 1960 Gagnon studied in New York, immersing himself in the city's avant-garde world of experimental art. Once he was back in Montreal his painting, especially his use of hard edges, was often associated with that of his *Plasticien* contemporaries.

gelatin silver prints

The dominant process used to create black and white images for more than a century. Gelatin prints, in which light-sensitive silver salts are bound by a gelatin solution, began to replace albumen prints in the 1890s. Their stability and ease of manufacture contributed to their success, and the characteristic smooth image surface was valued by both amateur and professional photographers.

glass negative

From the 1850s to the early twentieth century, glass was commonly used in photography as a support for light-sensitive emulsions, such as those made from albumen, collodion, and gelatin. These were used to coat the glass, or plate, which was then placed in the camera.

Greenberg, Clement (American, 1909–1994)

A highly influential art critic and essayist known primarily for his formalist approach and his contentious concept of modernism, which he first outlined in his 1960 publication “Modernist Painting.” Greenberg was, notably, an early champion of Abstract Expressionists, including Jackson Pollock and the sculptor David Smith.

Group of Seven

A progressive and nationalistic school of landscape painting in Canada, the Group of Seven was active between 1920 (the year of the group’s first exhibition, at the Art Gallery of Toronto, now the Art Gallery of Ontario) and 1933. Founding members were the artists Franklin Carmichael, Lawren S. Harris, A.Y. Jackson, Frank H. Johnston, Arthur Lismer, J.E.H. MacDonald, and F.H. Varley.

halftone printing

A photomechanical process to reproduce photographs in print, developed in the mid- to late-1800s by inventors including Canadian William Leggo, as well as Charles-Guillaume Petit, Frederic Ives, and Georg Meisenbach. It involves using a screen to translate a photographic image into a pattern of dots. The process revolutionized the illustrated press as, for the first time, photographs could be reproduced on the same page as type. The first commercially printed halftone photograph was published in Canada: an image of Prince Arthur on the cover of the *Canadian Illustrated News* on October 30, 1869.

Impressionism

A highly influential art movement that originated in France in the 1860s, Impressionism is associated with the emergence of modern urban European society. Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and other Impressionists rejected the subjects and formal rigours of academic art in favour of scenes of nature and daily life and the careful rendering of atmospheric effects. They often painted outdoors.

Isaacs Gallery

A Toronto art gallery opened in 1955 by Avrom Isaacs. Originally called the Greenwich Gallery, it supported emerging Canadian artists—including Michael Snow, Graham Coughtry, Joyce Wieland, and Robert Markle—and hosted poetry readings, experimental music performances, and film screenings.

Judd, Donald (American, 1928–1994)

Sculptor, critic, and a leading Minimalist artist, though he renounced the term, Judd is known for creating “specific objects,” on which he wrote a manifesto in 1964, and for rejecting what he saw as the illusionism of two-dimensional media. Judd’s objects, many of which take the box form, embody rigorously repetitive structures enforced by industrial materials and processes. In these works, the artist’s emotion is completely removed to consider the object’s influence on its environment.

Kennedy, Garry Neill (Canadian, 1935–2021)

Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, and based in Halifax, Kennedy was a pioneering Conceptual artist and distinguished art educator and arts administrator. He was president of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University (1967–90), which he transformed from a conservative institution into a leading centre for Conceptual art. As an artist, he is widely known for his paintings investigating institutional power within and beyond the art world.

Kertész, André (Hungarian/American, 1894–1985)

Born in Hungary, Kertész moved to the United States in 1936 and became known for combining documentary photography and photojournalism with artistic and formalist tendencies. He worked for major publications including *Collier's*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Condé Nast* before breaking out on his own.

Kodak

The Eastman Kodak Company was founded in New York by American inventor George Eastman, with successive firms throughout the 1880s becoming the Eastman Kodak Company—its name to this day—in 1892. Eastman democratized photography by inventing the Kodak camera; released in 1888, it was the first portable device equipped with a preloaded roll of film. Over the course of its history the company has introduced revolutionary photographic technology in the form of other cameras, including the Brownie and the first digital camera, and colour film, including Kodachrome and Ektachrome.

Lake, Suzy (Canadian, b.1947)

Born in Detroit, Lake immigrated to Canada in 1968. In the Montreal art scene she quickly became known for her conceptual work and for experimenting with play, performance, and photographic self-portraiture. She is the co-founder of the celebrated artist-run centre Véhicule Art Inc. in Montreal, and she eventually moved to Toronto, where she achieved critical success. (See *Suzy Lake: Life & Work* by Erin Silver.)

landscape painting

The representation of natural scenery, including rivers, mountains, forests, and fields, landscape painting emerged as a genre in Chinese art in the fourth century. In Europe, landscapes began as background elements in portraits or other figurative paintings, becoming subjects in their own right around the sixteenth century.

Library and Archives Canada

Located in Ottawa, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is a federal institution responsible for the collection and preservation of the nation's documentary heritage. Previously two separate entities—the National Archives of Canada and the National Library of Canada—in 2004 the institutions were combined. The LAC holds more than 19 million books, 21 million photographs, and 350,000 works of art and is the world's fifth largest library.

Lower Canada

From 1791 to 1840, part of present-day Quebec was a British colony known as Lower Canada. In 1841 Lower Canada was renamed Canada East when the

Province of Canada was formed. It would become Quebec following Canadian Confederation in 1867.

Lyll, Laura Muntz (Canadian, 1860–1930)

A painter specializing in evocative portraits of motherhood and childhood, Lyall was one of the first women artists in Canada to receive international attention. She trained with J.W.L. Forster in Hamilton and at the Académie Colarossi in Paris. Lyall's works convey intimate and sympathetic family scenes with a rich sense of colour and light.

Macdonald, Jock (British/Canadian, 1897–1960)

A painter, printmaker, illustrator, teacher, and a pioneer in the development of abstract art in Canada. Macdonald began as a landscape painter but became interested in abstraction in the 1940s, influenced by Hans Hofmann and Jean Dubuffet. Macdonald was one of the founders of Painters Eleven in 1953. (See *Jock Macdonald: Life & Work* by Joyce Zemans.)

McCord Stewart Museum

A Montreal museum of local and national history, opened in 1921. Included in the McCord's diverse collection is the Notman Photographic Archives: approximately 1.3 million photographs by William Notman, his studio employees, and other photographers from the 1840s to the present, as well as photographic equipment and related material.

McLuhan, Marshall (Canadian, 1911–1980)

A media theorist and public intellectual, Marshall McLuhan became an international star with his 1964 book *Understanding Media* and garnered a committed following within the 1960s counterculture. His phrase "the medium is the message" has reached the status of popular aphorism. He developed and directed the Centre for Culture and Technology (now the McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology) at the University of Toronto.

modernism

A movement extending from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century across artistic disciplines, modernism rejected academic traditions in favour of innovative styles developed in response to contemporary industrialized society. Modernist movements in the visual arts have included Gustave Courbet's Realism, and later Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, Fauvism, Cubism, and on to abstraction. By the 1960s, anti-authoritarian postmodernist styles such as Pop art, Conceptual art, and Neo-Expressionism blurred the distinction between high art and mass culture.

Moore, Henry (British, 1898–1986)

One of the twentieth century's most important sculptors, Henry Moore was influenced by non-European sculpture; later he also drew from natural sources, such as bones and pebbles. His technique most often involved carving directly into his material, whether wood, stone, or plaster.

Morris, Michael (British/Canadian, b. 1942)

A versatile artist who has worked under multiple pseudonyms (including Marcel Dot and Marcel Idea) and in various media, including paint and video. Morris

often works collaboratively and has emphasized the importance of artists' networks throughout his career. Exemplifying this tendency is the Image Bank, a system for the exchange of information and ideas between artists, which he co-founded with Vincent Trasov in 1969. He (as Marcel Dot) was crowned Miss General Idea in 1971 in *The 1971 Miss General Idea Pageant, 1971*, an elaborate performance staged by General Idea at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto.

Morris, William (English, 1834–1896)

William Morris was a draftsman, poet, novelist, translator, painter, and theoretician who upset the Victorian world with his aesthetic ideals and socialist politics. He rejected the mechanization of life and instead embraced craft techniques and collective work. His aesthetics and vision for art fundamentally influenced the Arts and Crafts movement in England and across the channel. His company, Morris & Company, created many innovative designs in decoration and textiles, marking a significant turning point in the history of design.

Museum of Modern Art

Created by three patrons of the arts—Mary Quinn Sullivan, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, and Lillie P. Bliss—along with a larger board of trustees, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) opened in New York City in 1929. An alternative to traditional museum models, MoMA offered public access to contemporary art. The museum's first director, Alfred H. Barr, Jr., shaped its influential place in the American art world and the way that American art history is constructed through exhibitions of contemporary works of art. MoMA moved to its present location on 53rd Street in Manhattan in 1939.

National Film Board (NFB) Still Photography Division

Between 1941 and 1971, the National Film Board, widely known for producing documentary, animated, and feature films, also functioned as the nation's official photographer. Funded by the federal government, the Still Photography Division commissioned photographers to produce approximately 250,000 images that captured communities, labour, and cultural traditions across the country.

National Film Board of Canada

Founded in Ottawa in 1939, the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) is a federal agency that creates, conserves, and distributes the nation's audiovisual heritage. The NFB has produced more than 13,000 individual documentaries, animated films, and other works that have garnered more than 7,000 awards, both nationally and internationally.

National Gallery of Canada

Established in 1880, the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa holds the most extensive collection of Canadian art in the country as well as works by prominent international artists. Spearheaded by the Marquis of Lorne (Canada's Governor General from 1878 to 1883), the gallery was created to strengthen a specifically Canadian brand of artistic culture and identity and to build a national collection of art that would match the level of other British Empire institutions. Since 1988, the gallery has been located on Sussex Drive in a building designed by Moshe Safdie.

Newman, Barnett (American, 1905–1970)

A key proponent of Abstract Expressionism, known primarily for his colour-field paintings. In his writing from 1940, Newman argued for a break from European artistic traditions in favour of adopting techniques and subject matter more suited to the troubled contemporary moment, and for the expression of truth as he saw it.

NSCAD University

Founded in 1887 as the Victoria School of Art and Design, and renamed as the Nova Scotia College of Art (1925) and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (1969) before becoming NSCAD University in 2003, the institution is among the leading art schools in Canada. Initially dedicated to traditional landscape painting, the institution developed a more progressive curriculum after Group of Seven member Arthur Lismer served as its principal (1916–19). Assuming the role of president in 1967, Garry Neill Kennedy spearheaded NSCAD's transformation into a world-renowned centre for Conceptual art in the 1970s.

Painters Eleven

An artists' group active from 1953 to 1960, formed by eleven Abstract Expressionist Toronto-area painters, including Harold Town, Jack Bush, and William Ronald. They joined together in an effort to increase their exposure, given the limited interest in abstract art in Ontario at the time.

photographic lantern slide

Invented in 1848 by brothers William and Frederick Langenheim, photographic lantern slides were positive photographs produced on a glass base that could be viewed with the aid of a "magic lantern," a device that predates the slide projector.

Pictorialism

An international movement that flourished from the 1880s to the first decades of the twentieth century and promoted the idea of photography as art rather than as a scientific or documentary tool. Pictorialists experimented with a variety of photographic techniques to achieve artistic effects. Their photographs are broadly characterized by soft focus and diffuse lighting.

picturesque

A term developed in late eighteenth-century Britain that refers to a particular variety of landscape and to a style of painting and design. The wilder areas of the British Isles, for example, were understood as perfectly "picturesque." It draws from contemporary notions of the sublime and the beautiful.

platinum process

A photographic process whereby iron salts and platinum salts are used to create light-sensitive paper that is then exposed and developed as a print. Popular from the 1870s through to the early twentieth century, platinum prints (also called "platinotypes") are characterized by their subtle tones and permanence—both of which result from the fact that the image is absorbed directly onto the paper rather than suspended in an emulsion, as in the silver print process.

post-structuralist theory

A body of critical cultural theory that rose to prominence during the second half of the twentieth century. Post-structuralism is interested in how knowledge is produced, and its theories are premised on a rejection of the existence of universal truths. It posits that knowledge is not fixed or absolute, but instead depends upon one's social, cultural, and political positioning. The work of French theorist Jacques Derrida has been particularly influential to post-structuralist thought, especially for theorists contesting dominant and hegemonic claims about concepts such as gender, sex, race, and class.

postmodernism

A broad art historical category of contemporary art that uses traditional and new media to deconstruct cultural history and deploys theory in its attack on modernist ideals. Canadian postmodern artists include Janice Gurney, Mark Lewis, Ken Lum, and Joanne Tod.

Quiet Revolution

During the 1960s, Quebecois society underwent a rapid change. Following the 1960 provincial election, which brought Jean Lesage's Liberal government to power, Quebec opened up to political and social reforms. A new Quebec identity replaced the more common French Canadian identity and, in addition, the Catholic Church's influence began to diminish. The idea of an independent and autonomous Quebec state was introduced to the international scene.

Ray, Man (American, 1890–1976)

Born Emmanuel Radnizky, Man Ray was a Dada and Surrealist artist and photographer and the only American associated with both groups. After working with Marcel Duchamp in New York City, Ray moved to Paris, where he began his experiments in photography and developed cameraless photographs (photograms or rayographs) by placing objects on light-sensitive paper. He also created ready-mades and films and published photographic portraits in fashion magazines and collaborated with the photographer Lee Miller, the subject of much of his work in the 1930s.

residential school system

Established by the Canadian government in the 1880s and often administered by churches, residential schools continued into the 1990s. The system removed and isolated Indigenous children from their homes, families, traditions, and cultures so that they could be assimilated into the dominant colonial culture. Children were indoctrinated into Euro-Canadian and Christian ways of living and forbidden from practising their cultures or speaking their languages; curricula focused less on academic advancement than on training for manual labour in agricultural, industrial, and domestic settings. Many children were subjected to horrendous physical, sexual, emotional, and/or psychological abuse.

Romantic tradition

A multi-faceted movement that affected most areas of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Western culture, including art, literature, and philosophy. Romanticism privileged the emotional and the subjective; it arose in opposition to Enlightenment-era rationalism.

Rosler, Martha (American, b.1943)

Employing a range of media, Rosler creates art that engages with political and social issues, in particular as they relate to women. Her photomontages concerning the Vietnam War placed images of soldiers and warfare in domestic spaces as depicted in magazines, revealing connections between foreign conflict and consumer culture at home. Many of Rosler's other works address the politics of housing and ownership. She was born in Brooklyn, where she lives and works.

Sargent, John Singer (American, 1856–1925)

Renowned for his portraits of high society in Paris, London, and New York, John Singer Sargent was an American painter who spent most of his life abroad. Influenced by the Impressionists, he sought to offer a glimpse into the personality of his subjects in the portraits he created, a strategy that was not always well received. *Madam X*, 1884, typifies Sargent's style and is considered his best-known work. In 1910 he gave up portraiture to focus exclusively on murals and watercolour landscapes.

Snow, Michael (Canadian, 1928–2023)

The paintings, films, photographs, sculptures, installations, and musical performances of artist Michael Snow kept him in the spotlight for more than sixty years. Snow's *Walking Woman* series of the 1960s holds a prominent place in Canadian art history. His contributions to visual art, experimental film, and music have been recognized internationally. (See *Michael Snow: Life & Work* by Martha Langford.)

stereograph; stereoscopic photographs

A photographic form that was phenomenally popular from the mid-1850s into the twentieth century. A stereograph consists of two nearly identical photographs, typically mounted side by side on cardstock, which when viewed through a stereoscope blend into each other to create a three-dimensional effect.

Stieglitz, Alfred (American, 1864–1946)

Educated in Germany, Stieglitz began his career as a photographer in the Pictorialist style. He was also a critic, the editor and publisher of the periodical *Camera Work*, and a gallerist whose influence shaped the development of photography as a fine art in the United States in the twentieth century. In 1917 his work turned toward an attempt to transparently capture the shifting, fast-paced reality of modernity. His serial portrait of his wife, the painter Georgia O'Keefe, exemplifies this late style.

still life

The still life is an important genre in Western art and includes depictions of both natural and manufactured objects. Often used to emphasize the ephemerality of human life in the *vanitas* and *memento mori* paintings of the seventeenth century, the still life was at the bottom of the hierarchy of styles established by the French Academy.

The Image Centre

An exhibition and research institution dedicated to photography, affiliated with Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University). The Image Centre also houses a permanent photography collection and several artist archives at its Peter Higdon Research Centre, including, most notably, the Black Star Collection of twentieth-century photo-reportage.

The Indian Act of 1876

The principal statute through which Canada's federal government administers "Indian status," local First Nations governments, and reserve land and communal monies. The Act consolidated previous colonial ordinances that aimed to eradicate First Nations culture in favour of assimilation into Euro-Canadian society. The Act has been amended several times, most significantly in 1951 and 1985, with changes mainly focusing on the removal of particularly discriminatory sections. The Indian Act pertains only to First Nations peoples, not to the Métis or Inuit. It is an evolving, paradoxical document that has enabled trauma, human rights violations, and social and cultural disruption for generations of First Nations peoples. The Act also outlines governmental obligations to First Nations peoples and determines "status"—a legal recognition of a person's First Nations heritage, which affords certain rights such as the right to live on reserve land.

Toronto Photographers Workshop (TPW)

An artist-run centre founded in 1977 by Hamilton-based photographer Jim Chambers. Originally named the Toronto Photographers' Co-operative, the Toronto Photographers Workshop (TPW) is dedicated to exhibiting contemporary still and time-based images that push lens-based art in new directions.

Tousignant, Serge (Canadian, b.1942)

A Montreal-based artist whose interdisciplinary practice has focused on photographic experimentation since the early 1970s. Tousignant co-founded the avant-garde artist-run gallery Véhicule Art in 1972 and was a crucial figure in the development of Montreal's Conceptual art movement. His photography-based work is largely concerned with light, perspective, optical illusions, and geometric abstraction.

Trasov, Vincent (Canadian, b.1947)

A painter, video artist, and performance artist interested in networks of artistic exchange. Trasov's work is often collaborative and media-based; he co-founded the Image Bank with Michael Morris in 1969 and also collaborated with several artists (including Morris) to found the Western Front Society, a Vancouver artist-run centre, in 1973. The following year he ran for mayor of Vancouver as his alter ego, Mr. Peanut.

Upper Canada

From 1791 to 1840, present-day Ontario was a British colony known as Upper Canada. In 1841, Upper Canada was renamed Canada West when the Province of Canada was formed. It would become Ontario following Canadian Confederation in 1867.

Vancouver Art Gallery

The Vancouver Art Gallery, located in Vancouver, British Columbia, is the largest art gallery in Western Canada. It was founded in 1931 and is a public, collecting institution focused on historic and contemporary art from British Columbia, with a particular emphasis on work by First Nations artists and, through the gallery's Institute of Asian Art, on art from the Asia Pacific Region.

Vancouver photo-conceptualism

Also known as the Vancouver School, the term originated in the 1980s in reference to a group of artists in Vancouver, including Jeff Wall, Roy Arden, Stan Douglas, Ian Wallace, Ken Lum, and Rodney Graham, who diversely incorporated conceptual art's concerns into their photographic practices. These include Wall's staged tableaux, Douglas's historical recreations, and Lum's pairings of photographs and text. The movement, while not always embraced by those who fall under its label, has had an international impact on contemporary photography.

Varley, F.H. (Frederick Horsman) (British/Canadian, 1881–1969)

A founding member of the Group of Seven, known for his contributions to Canadian portraiture as well as landscape painting. Originally from Sheffield, England, Varley moved to Toronto in 1912 at the encouragement of his friend Arthur Lismer. From 1926 to 1936 he taught at the Vancouver School of Decorative and Applied Arts, now known as Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

Vazan, Bill (Canadian, b.1933)

A leading figure in the Land art and Conceptual art movements in Montreal in the 1960s. Born in Toronto, Vazan studied fine arts at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto, the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris, and Sir George Williams University (now Concordia University) in Montreal. Vazan is known for his Land art installations, stone sculptures, and Conceptual photography, which explore how cosmology and geography inform our understanding of the world.

Walker, Horatio (Canadian, 1858–1938)

Although born and raised in rural Ontario, Walker specialized in paintings of French rural life, especially on Île d'Orléans, Quebec, where he lived for many years and where he took up permanent residence in 1928. His widely admired art drew upon Jean-François Millet's depictions of the rural poor in France and the naturalism of the Barbizon school. Walker was a founding member of the Canadian Art Club in 1907, serving as the club's president in 1915.

wet collodion process

A photographic process introduced by Frederick Scott Archer in 1851 and popular until the 1880s. It is typically used in the production of negatives. Collodion, a substance derived from nitrocellulose, was combined in a liquid base with chemical salts, then poured onto a glass plate and sensitized; the plate had to be exposed and developed immediately.

Wieland, Joyce (Canadian, 1930–1998)

A central figure in contemporary Canadian art, Wieland engaged with painting, filmmaking, and cloth and plastic assemblage to explore with wit and passion



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ideas related to gender, national identity, and the natural world. In 1971 she became the first living Canadian woman artist to have a solo exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa. (See *Joyce Wieland: Life & Work* by Johanne Sloan.)

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“I’ve always been fascinated by how photography shapes our relationships to each other and the world. In working on this book with Sarah Parsons, I was interested in bringing to light the way critical issues in the field relate to the Canadian context.”

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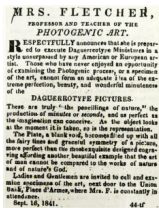
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Alariak gathering wood. Although her name was Alariak, everybody called her Alanaaq, 1949–50, by Richard Harrington. Collection of Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa (3193993). Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada and Stephen Bulger Gallery.



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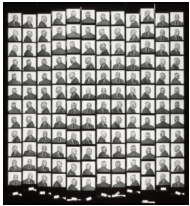
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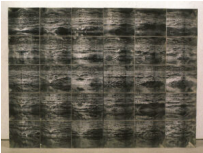
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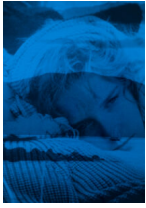
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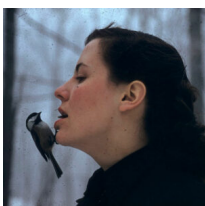
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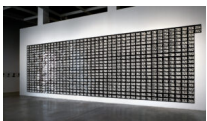
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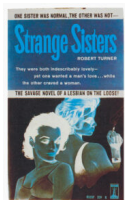
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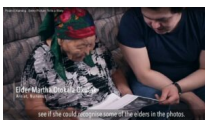
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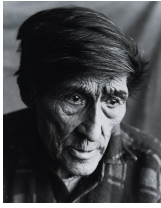
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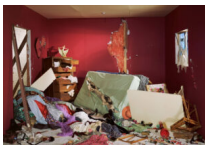
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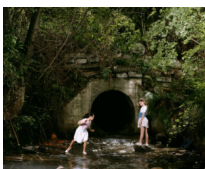
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E.L. Laliberté posing with his high wheel bicycle, date unknown, by Jules-Ernest Livernois. Collection of Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa (3392755). Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.



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Faverol, Normandy, 1914, attributed to Gabriel Lippmann. Private collection.



Female worker Pauline Renard stencils a case of 25-pounder shells ready for shipment at the Cherrier or Bouchard plants of the Defense Industries Limited, 1944, by Harry Rowed. Collection of Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa (3197514). Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.



Ferdinand Roy's sisters baking bread in the oven, Pointe-à-la-Frégate, Québec, 1938, by Charles Marius Barbeau. Collection of the Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau (81100, CD2003-0344-008). Courtesy of the Canadian Museum of History.



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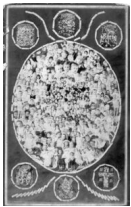
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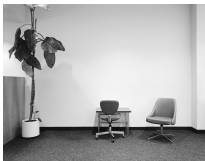
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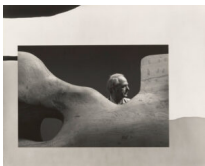
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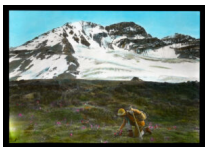
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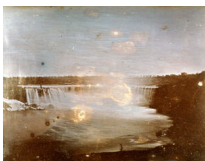
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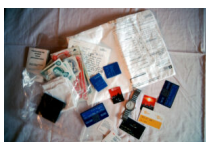


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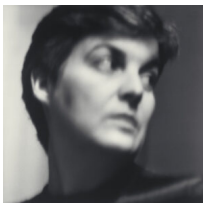
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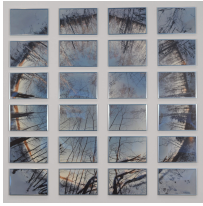
Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl) woman spinning yarn and rocking cradle using cord tied to her foot; Boas (left) and George Hunt (right) holding up backdrop, Vancouver Island, 1894-95, by Oregon Columbus Hastings. Collection of the American Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian, New York. Courtesy of the American Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian.



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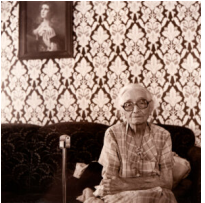
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Maun-gua-daus (or Maun-gwa-daus), alias George Henry (born c.1807), original chief of the Ojibwa Nation of Credit (Upper Canada) and interpreter employed by Indian Affairs, c.1846, photographer unknown. Collection of Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa (3198805). Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.



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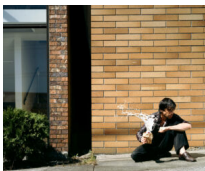
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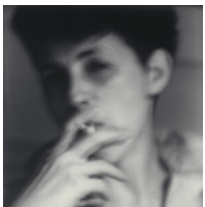
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*Mr. O'Brien (who christened the Lake of Killarney) and his wife talking to Lord Aberdeen, c.1893, by Ishbel Maria Gordon, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair. *Through Canada with a Kodak* (Edinburgh: W.H. White, 1893, p.98).*



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My oldest son Moses Towell eats a wild pear while Ann sits behind the wheel of a 1951 pickup truck. It's the family's only vehicle. I bought it as junk for \$200 and fixed it up on my own, 1983, by Larry Towell. Courtesy of Magnum Photos, New York (TOL1983001W00004/22). © Larry Towell / Magnum Photos.



A new process used to achieve graceful poses, June 5, 1856, by Honoré Daumier. Collection of Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Everett V. Meeks, B.A. 1901, Fund (1996.14.3). Courtesy of Yale University Art Gallery.



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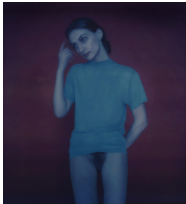
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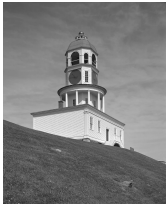
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Outdoor portrait of Veronique Goulet, née Carrière, Cumberland House, 1949, by James Brady. Collection of the Glenbow Museum, Calgary (PA-2218-358). Courtesy of the Glenbow Museum.



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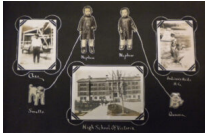
Padluk with one of her four children at Pipkahnak's camp southwest of Padlei, N.W.T., c. February 1950, by Richard Harrington. Collection of Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa (3193769). Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.



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Part Four: The Outside World (detail), 1986–87, by Susan McEachern. CMCP Collection, Collection of the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Gift of the artist, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 2005 (2005.93.1-6). Courtesy of the National Gallery of Canada. © Susan McEachern. Photo credit: NGC.



Parliament Buildings under construction, centre block, rear view, c.1862, by Samuel McLaughlin. Collection of Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa (3192475). Courtesy of Library and Archives Canada.



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Peter Pitseolak with his favourite 122 camera, c.1946–47, by Aggeok Pitseolak. Collection of the Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau (2000-180). Courtesy of the Canadian Museum of History.



Photograph by Susan Stewart from the exhibition *Drawing the Line*, 1988, by Kiss & Tell. Courtesy of SFU Library Special Collections, Burnaby (Image MsC 165-0-1-1-0-4).



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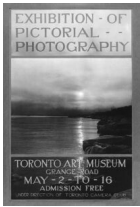
Portrait of Clarence Abrahamson in a field of marquis wheat, 1915, by William S. Beal.



Portraits of Horace Sewell, John Duff, Ruth Sewell, William G. Sewell, Gertrude Bonner, Prince Albert and Twenty Unidentified Sitters, c.1885, photographer unknown. Collection of the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Purchased 1981 (23896.13). Courtesy of the National Gallery of Canada. Photo credit: NGC.



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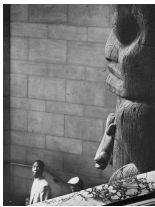
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Rita Letendre, early 1960s, by Tess Boudreau. Collection of the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Gift of the artist, 2007 (2006/463). Courtesy of the Art Gallery of Ontario. © Estate of Tess Boudreau Taconis.



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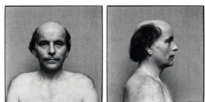
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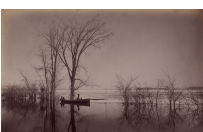
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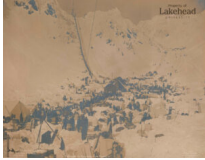
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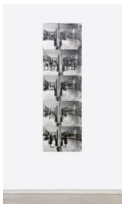
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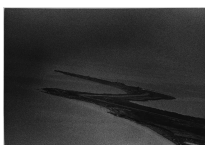
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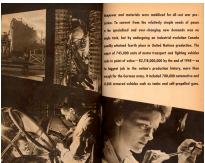
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